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Berrien won't be 2nd Amendment 'sanctuary'

Board not comfortable with language presented by gun rights supporters

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County commissioners on Thursday unanimously reaffirmed their commitment to the U.S. Constitution, especially the Second Amendment.

But their resolution fell short of declaring the county to be a "Second Amendment sanctuary county," as requested by supporters in January of the Michigan for 2A Sanctuary Counties. The group's proposed resolution also had asked that the Berrien County sheriff and prosecutor use their "sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law."

Residents and commissioners talked for more than an hour about the pros and cons of giving the county Second Amendment sanctuary status.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said it is up to the courts to determine what is constitutional, not the county.

"If we all determine what is constitutional – the executive branch, the legislative branch – in disregard of the U.S. Supreme Court, we would have chaos," Sepic said. "We can't all determine what is constitutional. We have to look to the courts. We've all agreed to look to the courts. And that's what I and my office intend to do is to follow the current constitutional law."

He said the process for making new laws to expand or restrict gun rights exists in Lansing and in Washington, D.C.

Commissioners had three versions of the resolution to consider.

Commissioner Dave Vollrath motioned for the version to give the county Second Amendment sanctuary status to be voted on, but it died for lack of a second.

Another version at the meeting, but not considered, would have declared the county to be a "Second Amendment constitutional county," though it did not include the paragraph regarding the sheriff and prosecutor.

Board Chairman Mac Elliott said that the third version, which was approved, is symbolic and reaffirms that the commissioners support all of the freedoms and

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Floral designer Sherry Wolf checks on three dozen red roses while working on Valentine's Day orders Thursday at Tara Florist Twelve Oaks in St. Joseph, in preparation for today's main event.

Berrien County counsel abruptly resigns

McGovern hints at diversion with board in upholding and protecting the public's trust

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County's corporate counsel resigned Thursday morning during a closed session following a board of commissioners meeting.

James McGovern, who has held the post for five years, released a statement shortly after the meeting addressing his decision.

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"Working for Berrien County, and its officials and employees, has been a great experience – both professionally and personally – and it provided me with a sense of pride that can only be acquired while working in the service of the public," McGovern's said in the statement. "During my employment as the county's attorney, I consistently provided legal advice that served to protect both the Berrien County government and the public trust."

The resignation is effective March 15. However, the reason for McGovern's leaving was not made entirely clear.

"As an attorney, I have the

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How U.S. hospitals are preparing for coronavirus

By SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

U.S. hospitals are stocking up on gowns and goggles and holding refresher courses in infection control amid a growing outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus that has already killed more than 1,360 people in China.

Since it began spreading last year, the coronavirus now known as COVID-19 has prompted the World Health Organization to declare a global health emergency, caused U.S. officials to strongly advise against travel to China and led some experts to predict a worldwide pandemic.

In the United States, just 14 people have been diagnosed with the coronavirus so far, though officials say they expect those numbers to rise. Hundreds of people have already shown up at American health care facilities with symptoms of the virus, forcing staff members to don face masks and put patients in isolation rooms while awaiting test results.

In addition to the 14 people confirmed to have the virus in the U.S. as of Wednesday, 413 others have been tested for it; 347 tested negative, and results are still pending for 66, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The virus' symptoms,

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Dr. Brian Lee, emergency department medical director at St. Joseph Medical Center in Orange. American hospitals are stocking up on gowns and goggles and holding refresher courses in infection control amid a growing outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus.

Adults wearing onesies to Michigan bar crawls is a hot new trend

By JC REINDL
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

The line of millennials in cartoonish bodysuits stretched outside the Five Avenue bar and along the sidewalk one recent Saturday afternoon in downtown Royal Oak.

Inside, the discount drinks flowed, the dance music blared and the room was absolutely packed with grown men and women wearing the colorful one-piece outfits, which resemble large versions of children's pajamas and are known as onesies.

A small sampling of what was spotted: unicorn onesies, dinosaur onesies, bovine onesies, kangaroo onesies, Christmas elf onesies and a SpongeBob SquarePants onesie that a 26-year-old man bought at Target for $30.

"I'm completely surprised at the number of adults who jumped at a chance to wear pajamas to the bar," said Alicia Whitehead, 28, of Livonia as she herself lounged in her unicorn onesie.

Unlike the onesies for infants, adult onesies are full-length ensembles that don't cut off at the upper thigh like a diaper. And wearing these grown-up onesies to the bar and the club during the months of January and February is a hot, growing trend across the state.

The Onesie Bar Crawl phenomenon arrived in Michigan about four years ago and the number of crawls has blossomed to about a dozen, according to online event postings. Along with Royal Oak, there are now onesie crawls in Detroit, Hamtramck, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Fenton, Jackson, Saugatuck, Traverse City, Muskegon and Mt. Pleasant.

Bar owners say the onesie events are among the more highly attended crawls that they host throughout the year, although not as popular as the "Santa" crawls or some on St. Patrick's Day.

Bar crawl-goers said they buy their onesies online or in stores including Target, Kohls and J.C. Penney for between $10 and $60.

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The majority of people on onesie crawls are young people in their 20s and early 30s. However, the Free Press found a significant number of older folks at the Royal Oak crawl, including parents

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Barr: Trump tweets make it 'impossible' to do job

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

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Attorney General William Barr, left, and President Donald Trump turn to leave in 2019 after speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House, in Washington. Barr took a public swipe Thursday at Trump, saying that the president's tweets about Justice Department prosecutors and cases "make it impossible for me to do my job."

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr took a public swipe at President Donald Trump on Thursday, saying that the president's tweets about Justice Department prosecutors and cases "make it impossible for me to do my job."

Barr made the comment during an interview with ABC News just days after his Justice Department overruled its own prosecutors – who had recommended in a court filing that Trump's longtime ally and confidant Roger Stone be sentenced to 7 to 9 years in prison – and took the extraordinary step of lowering the amount of prison time it would seek. The department didn't offer an amended number.

Barr himself has been under fire for the Justice Department action, and Thursday's comment served as a defense of his own integrity. He is a Trump loyalist who shares the president's views on expansive executive powers.

The remarks, made so quickly after the decision to back away from the sentencing, suggested that Barr was aware the reversal had chipped away at the department's historic reputation for independence from political sway. But he stopped short of acknowledging wrongdoing by anyone.

Barr said that Trump's tweets created perception problems for the department that called into question its independence, but he denied there was any order from Trump and said Trump's tweets did not factor into the decision.

National security adviser Robert O'Brien told reporters Thursday evening at the White House that Trump tweets to bypass the mainstream press and speak directly to the American people.

"It's just a different method of communicating with the American people and the president has every right to weigh in," O'Brien said. "He's got First Amendment rights, even though he's president. And he's got a right to weigh in with his opinions on the big issues of the day and I think he's going to continue to do that."

Barr joined a roster of high level aides who have publicly criticized Trump, with the key difference that he is still in his job. Former National Security Adviser John Bolton is to publish a book next month detailing his time in the White House including criticism of Trump actions such as his decision to withhold military assistance while seeking a political favor from Ukraine. Former Chief of Staff John Kelly, who has largely kept a low profile since leaving the White House, has grown more open about his unflattering assessments of the president.

Earlier this week, Trump applauded Barr on Twitter for the decision to reverse the sentencing recommendation, writing: "Congratulations to Attorney General Bill Barr for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have even been brought."

The department insisted the decision to undo the sentencing recommendation was made Monday night – before Trump blasted the recommendation on Twitter as "very horrible and unfair" – and prosecutors had not spoken to the White House about it. The about-face prompted the four attorneys who prosecuted Stone to quit the case. One left the Justice Department altogether.

"I'm happy to say that, in fact, the president has never asked me to do anything in a criminal case," Barr said in the ABC interview. "However, to have public statements and tweets made about the department, about our people in the department, our men and women here, about cases pending in the department, and about judges before whom we have cases, make it impossible for me to do my job and to assure the courts and the prosecutors in the department that we're doing our work with integrity."

Stone was convicted in November of tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election. He's scheduled to be sentenced next week.

Barr said he was "of course" prepared to deal with any ramifications from the president for his comments.

"As I said during my confirmation, I came in to serve as attorney general. I am responsible for everything that happens in the department, but the thing I have most responsibility for are the issues that are brought to me for decision," Barr said in the interview.

It is extremely rare for Justice Department leaders to reverse the decision of prosecutors on a sentencing recommendation, particularly after that recommendation has been submitted to the court. The actual sentencing is up to the judge.

"What they did to Roger Stone was a disgrace," Trump said Thursday during an interview with Geraldo Rivera on Newsradio WTAM1100.

"I don't think they quit the case. I think they felt they got caught," the president said of the Stone prosecutors. "I don't think they quit for moral reasons. I think they got caught in the act by me."

"Now what am I going to do, sit back and let a man go to jail maybe for nine years when murderers aren't going to jail. You have some of the most serious horrible rapists and everything else. They don't go to jail for nine years," Trump said.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsay Graham tweeted his support for Barr, saying the president had done a "great service" for the people by selecting him. Earlier this week, Graham said, and Barr later confirmed, that Justice was accepting information that Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani is gathering in Ukraine about the president's Democratic rival Joe Biden and his son.

In the ABC interview, Barr said of the president: "If he were to say go investigate somebody because – and you sense it's because they're a political opponent – then the attorney general shouldn't carry that out, wouldn't carry that out."

Democrats decried the Justice Department's reversal and called for immediate investigations. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called for the Justice Department's inspector general to step in. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that Barr had "stooped to such levels" and that "the American people deserve better."

Barr has been a steady ally of the president's since he returned to the top post at the Justice Department last year. He cleared the president of obstruction of justice even when special counsel Robert Mueller had pointedly declined to do so, and has declared that the FBI's Russia investigation, which resulted in charges against Stone, had been based on a "bogus narrative."

On Thursday, he said he would not be "bullied or influenced by anybody."

"And I said, whether it's Congress, newspaper editorial board, or the president. I'm gonna do what I think is right. And, you know, the, I think the – I cannot do my job here at the Department with a constant background commentary that undercuts me."

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Cash 5
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Rush Limbaugh draws bipartisan criticism for remarks about Buttigieg

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON — Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh drew bipartisan criticism Thursday for saying the country won't elect Pete Buttigieg president because he's been "kissing his husband" on stage after debates.

Limbaugh's comments came eight days after President Donald Trump awarded him the nation's top civilian honor during the State of the Union address. Trump said Limbaugh inspires millions of people daily and thanked him for "decades of tireless devotion to our country."

Limbaugh, a staunch Trump ally who recently announced he has advanced lung cancer, made the remarks on his nationally syndicated radio show. Buttigieg has finished in the top two in Democrats' first two presidential contests in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"They're saying, 'OK, how's this going to look?'" Limbaugh said Wednesday, imagining Democrats' thinking. "Thirty-seven-year-old gay guy kissing his husband on stage, next to Mr. Man, Donald Trump.'"

Limbaugh's remarks were the latest tendentious turn in a career in which he's won an adoring audience among millions of conservative listeners, but condemnation from others for comments considered racist, sexist and offensive.

Buttigieg, 38, is the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and has been married to his husband, Chasten, since 2018. Buttigieg was a U.S. Navy intelligence officer in Afghanistan, is a Harvard graduate and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in England.

Limbaugh said he envisioned Democrats concluding that "despite all the great wokeness and despite all the great ground that's been covered, that America's still not ready to elect a gay guy kissing his husband on the debate stage president."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, who is challenging Buttigieg for the Democratic presidential nomination, assailed Limbaugh on ABC's "The View."

"I mean, my God," said Biden, who called it "part of the depravity of this administration." He added, "Pete and I are competitors, but this guy has honor, he has courage, he is smart as hell."

Some Capitol Hill Republicans said they disagreed with Limbaugh's remark, while others demurred.

"I'm just going to leave all that alone," said conservative Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., who said she'd not heard the comment. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, facing reelection this fall, also declined to comment.

"It's a miscalculation as to where the country is at," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a strong Trump supporter, told The Associated Press about Limbaugh's words. "I think the country is not going to disqualify somebody because of their sexual orientation."

Asked if Limbaugh should retain the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which Trump bestowed last week during his State of the Union address, Graham said, "Well, my God. Free speech still exists."

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said of Limbaugh, "He may disagree, as I do, with their policy positions, but the question is what their qualifications are, not other issues." Portman announced his support for gay marriage in 2013 as he revealed that his son Will is gay.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., a moderate who is retiring in January, initially said he wasn't familiar with Limbaugh's remarks and declined to comment. His spokesman later emailed an Alexander statement that said: "There may be reasons not to vote for Mayor Buttigieg, but that's not one of them. This is a tolerant country."

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duty to advocate for my client's interests while upholding the duty to honor my profession's code of ethics," McGovern wrote in the statement. "Additionally, and most important, I have a duty to protect and uphold the public trust. When circumstances arise that create conflicts between any or all of those duties, it is not an option to sacrifice one for the benefit of another."

For those reasons, McGovern said he is resigning.

McGovern had no further comment when contacted afterward.

County Administrator Bill Wolf was not in the closed session and found out about McGovern's resignation afterward.

"He has done a fatalistic job on behalf of the county and it will be loss," Wolf said.

Commissioner Jon Winkelman told The Herald-Palladium that the contents of the letter was the extent of the conversation during closed session.

"His letter of resignation is as clear as he can put it. I think the letter he gave us is pretty indicative," Winkelman said. "I think there was some shock that he was stepping down. It threw a lot of people off."

Winkelman said he foresees the board mapping out a way to fill the vacancy. He said a temporary hire could be a possibility, since the resignation becomes effective in a month.

"Full-time counsel has worked well for the board so far," he said.

Commissioner Dave Vollrath said the discussion Thursday was short between McGovern and the board.

"We were all surprised and a little shocked. It wasn't what we were expecting when we went into closed session," Vollrath said in a phone interview. "We hate to see him go. He's a great asset."

Vollrath, who sits on the Personnel and Human Services Committee, said McGovern recently received a great evaluation from the board. He said McGovern's overall rating was a 4.29 out of 5.

"I think we had some board members who didn't appreciate him as much as others," Vollrath said, referencing the recent evaluation. "I'm sure he's got higher ambitions. We all wish him well."

McGovern thanked the board and county employees for his five years in the position.

"Over the last half-decade, I have seen first-hand why the Berrien County government is considered a leading example of innovative and effective governance," McGovern said in his statement. "It is an organization that, at its core, is led by dedicated and knowledgeable employees who selflessly provide their services for the benefit of the citizens of this county."

McGovern succeeded Donna Howard, who was elected as judge in November 2014.

He graduated from the University of Michigan and the DePaul University College of Law. McGovern has served the city of Chicago as an assistant corporation counsel and special litigation counsel.

This includes 12 years of experience defending the city in personal injury cases and civil rights, in addition to representing numerous municipal divisions and employees.

McGovern's resignation comes at a time when the county is experiencing a lot of turnover.

In addition to replacing its counsel, commissioners will also have to replace its 911 coordinator and county administrator.

Wolf, the Berrien County administrator since 2005, announced his pending resignation in December while citing differences between himself and some members of the board.

He will remain in the position until June 12 to give the board time to find a successor.

Last year, Wolf expressed alarm over the direction the county government had taken and called on the board to ask the Michigan attorney general to look into "alleged serial corruption among elected officials" arising from conflict of interest allegations against Commissioner Teri Freehling.

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A year of growth

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Jeff Donofrio, director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, discusses Michigan's economic viability Thursday as the keynote speaker for the 2020 Business Recognition Breakfast at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

Local companies, professionals honored at Business Recognition Breakfast

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

David Heyn and David Yardley, center, pose with the Non-Profit Excellence Award given to Harbor Country Missions on Thursday during the 2020 Business Recognition Breakfast held at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Economic development took center stage Thursday at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall.

Twelve businesses and individuals were recognized by their colleagues at the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and Cornerstone Alliance 2020 Business Recognition Breakfast.

With more than 450 people in attendance, keynote speaker Jeff Donofrio, director of Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, provided an idea of where Michigan is heading in terms of the overall talent pool in the community.

He spoke of overcoming several factors to slow economic growth – including non-skilled barriers and a tepid talent pool – through the use of bending the curve on job creation.

"There's no silver bullet," Donofrio said of barriers that workers face in 2020. "A systemic solution is needed."

Cornerstone Alliance President Rob Cleveland highlighted some of the milestones the region saw last year, including the creation of 249 jobs and the $38 million worth of investments made in the region.

"This is a great opportunity for both organizations to bring businesses from all over Berrien County into one room to celebrate success from the prior year and share our respective plans for the upcoming one," Cleveland said.

The awards breakfast ceremony has been jointly hosted by the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and Cornerstone Alliance for several years.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to meet new Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber President and CEO Arthur Havlicek.

Havlicek touched base on what the chamber accomplished in 2019, as well as what direction the organization is headed in for the upcoming year.

"It was a pleasure to spend the morning celebrating the business community with our members and the Cornerstone Alliance," he said. "The joint meeting and award ceremony is a long-standing event that we look forward to every year."

The award winners

Marie Franz Partner Award – Berrien County Community Development took home the award due to its role to enhance a cooperative spirit in the community to include education, government and private sectors through job retention and increasing employment opportunities.

Microenterprise Award – Watermark Brewing Co., open for three years in Stevensville, won the Microenterprise Award.

Watermark has hosted a number of community events, featured new and existing food businesses in the area, and connected businesses to consumers.

Small Business Advocate of the Year – This year's award recipient is Judee Hopwood, president and co-owner of Williamson Employment Services – a certified women's business enterprise.

Through her company, Hopwood provides scholarships to students in the industrial arts programs at Lake Michigan College and is a named sponsor of the Hanson Technology Center.

Economic Growth Award – United Federal Credit Union, with more than 30 branches covering six states and 174,000 members, was given the Economic Growth Award.

As part of its growth, the credit union has partnered with more than 900 employers to extend offerings and benefits to their employees and affiliates.

Large Manufacturing Award – Vail Rubber Works, which recently broke ground on its Royalton Township plant, now boasts three locations.

The company was given the award thanks in large part to its commitment to remaining in the Southwest Michigan community.

Young Business Leader of the Year Award – This year's recipient of the Young Business Leader of the Year Award is Stacey Dodson, brand manager for Honor Credit Union.

Dodson is responsible for public relations, community sponsorships, communication and social media for Honor.

Small Business Award – The Chamber's Small Business of the Year Award Recipient is Freedom Finishing.

Freedom Finishing began powder coating in September 1988, and moved to its current 60,000-square-foot production center in Benton Harbor in 1992.

Excellence in Customer Service Award – The Chamber's Excellence in Customer Service Award winner is

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Barn church finds a home in downtown Berrien Springs

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — What looked like bad news turned out to be for the good. That's the lesson Barn Church and Ministries officials are taking from Oronoko Township's recent closure of their church building on Linco Road. There has been an outpouring of support from the community and the church has found a new home in downtown Berrien Springs.

The Barn Church and Friday Night Light Ministries had been meeting in a former barn on Linco Road for the past two years. Township officials only recently learned of the operation and ordered it closed in January, pending the resolution of building code and zoning concerns.

Lead pastors Shane and Kara McLean said this week that their church began meeting in the Berrien Springs United Methodist Church on West Mars Street on Friday, Jan. 31, and held their first Sunday service there on Feb. 2. The church dates back to 1845 and is the oldest church in the village.

"What would have ended new churches brought ours together in new ways," Shane McLean said. "People took days off of work to help move and make the new place ready. People made lunch, brought diner, their kids helped and everyone pitched in. It was an incredible physical display of unity and family which is the heart of our mission."

They said the United Methodist Church was the first one they reached out to after deciding to move from their Linco Road location. "We felt an immediate connection to them and they were so loving and accommodating," Kara McLean said.

Berrien Springs UMC Pastor Rev. Bill Walters said his church has welcomed other congregations to their building over the years, including a Seventh-day Adventist congregation that meets there on Saturdays.

"They came to us about renting out space in the church," he said. "We actually have two church sanctuaries, one in the old part of the church and one in the new section built in the 1970s. They're using the old sanctuary on Sundays, which had been empty. We don't need the whole building anymore."

Walters said that while they haven't had joint events and activities in the past with the churches renting out space, they are open to doing so with the Barn Church congregation in the future. He noted that they have invited the Seventh-day Adventist members to church special events in the past.

Kara McLean said the arrangement has worked out well so far. Their services are Friday nights at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. and don't conflict with the Methodist activities, since they use the older part of the building.

She said holding services at the Methodist church is in keeping with their overall goal of blurring the lines of denomination. She said they are looking forward to building relationships with both the Methodist and Seventh-day Adventist congregations and fostering interdenominational unity.

Overall, she said the community response has been overwhelmingly positive – both in terms of

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CASS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Two men charged with Jan. 27 Dowagiac murder

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

CASSOPOLIS — Two men were bound over for arraignment in Cass County Circuit Court after court action Wednesday. The two are charged in connection with the Jan. 27 murder of Michael Collins in Dowagiac.

Jay Vincent Penar, 38, of White Pigeon waived a preliminary hearing in Cass County District Court on 11 felony counts including one count of open murder, four counts of armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. He will be arraigned in Cass County Circuit Court on Feb. 24.

A preliminary hearing was held before Cass District Judge Stacey Rentfrow for Penar's co-defendant, Justin Carlton, 41, of Kalamazoo. Carlton was bound over on 13 felony counts after testimony from two police officers.

Carlton faces the same 11 counts as Penar, plus one count of possession of meth and one count of felony firearm while in possession of meth. A circuit court arraignment date has not been set for him.

Both are being held awaiting trial on no bond.

Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz said it is alleged that Carlton was the person who shot Collins, though both are charged with open murder. Police say the two men robbed and tied up Collins and three others at a Louise Avenue home in Dowagiac before killing Collins.

IN BRIEF

Watervliet still seeking HS principal

WATERVLIET — Watervliet High School is still without a permanent principal.

Superintendent Ric Seager said this week that after running a search in December, the district did not find an acceptable candidate. He had originally hoped the new principal would start in January.

The district had 14 original candidates and narrowed that down to five that were interviewed in December.

Seager said the district will post the position again in March.

Former high school principal Brad Coon resigned in August right before the start of the school year. Curriculum Director Susan Toothman has been serving as interim high school principal since then.

Drugs are linked to death of woman who was missing

HONOR (AP) — A Detroit-area woman whose disappearance last fall led to highly publicized searches in northern Michigan and suspicions about foul play died of a drug combination, tests revealed.

The medical examiner in Benzie County pointed to the effects of methamphetamine and Diazepam, an anti-anxiety drug, according to a report released Thursday. Exposure to cold weather also was a factor.

The body of Adrienne Quintal of Southfield was discovered in December in a pond near a family cabin, two months after she had traveled to the northern Lower Peninsula. There were no obvious signs of foul play at the time.

"We don't know if she fell in or purposely went in. ... The amount of meth in her system would have ended her life whether she had left the cabin or not," Sheriff Ted Schendel said.

Relatives said Quintal, 47, called a friend in the wee hours on Oct. 17 to say she was involved in a shootout with two men who were outside the cabin near Honor, about 20 miles southwest of Traverse City.

"I'm speculating but we believe she was hallucinating and shooting at something. All the shots occurred from inside the cabin to the outside," the sheriff said.

Investigators found bullet holes and shell casings.

Chocolate bars that may contain milk being recalled

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — A Michigan company is recalling about 1,900 bars of chocolate that may contain milk that's not listed in the ingredients.

Grand Rapids-based Gourmet International on Thursday issued an allergy alert for Butlers Irish Whiskey Dark Chocolate 3.5-ounce tablet bars.

The chocolate bars are made by Dublin, Ireland-based Butlers Chocolates.

The recall was initiated after FDA testing found high levels of milk in the product. The government says people who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk are at-risk of a serious allergic reaction if they consume the product.

The chocolate bars are packaged in cream-colored wrapping. They were distributed to specialty food stores in Michigan, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. They also were available through retail locations.

An Aug. 16, 2020 expiration date is listed on the packages. The product's lot code is 101048778. The UPC is 8-44984-17619-7.

State cites problems with police database under construction

LANSING (AP) — Michigan officials ordered a private contractor to halt work on a multimillion-dollar state police database because it isn't working, a newspaper reported.

The contractor, Information Builders, was told to stop by Feb. 10 due to the "inoperable data hub," according to a letter by purchasing official Joe Ernst of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Separately, the attorney general's office disputed a $2.6 million invoice from Information Builders, the Detroit Free Press reported.

"The state will not pay license fees for software that is rendered effectively useless," state attorney Suzanne Hassan said in a Feb. 3 letter.

BARN CHURCH

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prayers and financial support – since news came in January of the closing of the Linco Road building.

She noted that church members hold no ill will toward Oronoko Township officials. "We also want to thank Oronoko Township for the great service they do for our township," she said. "They have a job to do and they do it well. They are looking out for our community's best interest, and truthfully, they were the push we needed to launch us out of the nest."

The church retains ownership of the Linco Road building, though its use is on hold for the foreseeable future. The ministry began in December 2017 with Friday night services and then began Sunday services in September 2019. They currently have classes and events for people of all ages.

GROWTH

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Boelcke Heating.

Boelcke Heating is a local heating and cooling company founded in 1963. In 2013 it bought a local HVAC company in Coloma and in 2018, announced an expansion to offer plumbing services.

Economic Impact Award – The Economic Impact Award recipient is Edgewater Automation.

Founded in 2001, Edgewater Automation designs and builds custom automation equipment for a variety of industries.

Non-Profit Excellence Award – New to 2020, the Non-Profit Excellence Award honors 501(c) organizations that contribute to the community. The inaugural winner is Harbor Country Mission.

Harbor Country Mission, founded in 2013, exists to help those who are on the boarder of a financial crisis. In 2019, it completed 186 home repairs, gave away 33 cars and launched a campaign to eliminate medical debt in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

2019 Ambassador of the Year – During her time as a chamber ambassador in 2018 and 2019, Lorrie Brink was a licensed CMG Financial Mortgage loan officer and production assistant.

She has years of experience of leading and educating borrowers through mortgage products, strong analytical skills and an extreme eye for detail.

The Pat Moody Award – The recipient of the Pat Moody Award is St. Joseph native Robert "Bob" Gerbel. Gerbel, is a lifelong St. Joseph resident, with 60 years of accounting experience.

He began working at a CPA firm in Benton Harbor, but would go on to open Gerbel & Company – now known as Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors – in September 1968.

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Sister of Michigan woman quarantined on ship: 'They're just sitting ducks'

By KRISTEN JORDAN SHAMUS
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The situation is growing more dire for passengers aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship off the coast of Japan, where the novel coronavirus is spreading and a Sterling Heights, Mich., woman remains quarantined.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry confirmed 44 new cases Wednesday night of novel coronavirus, newly named COVID-19, aboard the cruise ship, the Japan Times reported. That brings the total number of passengers with the virus to 218 – more than any other place outside China, according to the World Health Organization.

"They're just sitting ducks. That's all I can say," said Marci Wulfmeier of Franklin, Mich., whose sister, Myra LaRouche, 72, of Sterling Heights is among the people quarantined on the ship until at least Feb. 19.

"They just have to get off that ship. End of story."

As of Wednesday, 32 of the Americans have confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to a letter the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo sent to passengers, citing information from Japan's Ministry of Health Labor and Welfare.

"We are aware of 428 U.S. citizens that were on board the ship," a State Department spokesperson said. "We are aware of reports that multiple U.S. passengers have tested positive for coronavirus, and have been transported to local hospitals for treatment. Due to privacy considerations we cannot comment on specific cases."

Wulfmeier said she's urging her sister to get in touch with representatives in Congress to press them to call for the emergency evacuation of U.S. citizens on board.

"I know contacting the president of the United States sounds a bit extreme. However, you know, it's not that far-fetched, given the circumstances," she said.

The virus, which can cause pneumonia-like symptoms, including cough, fever and trouble breathing that can range from mild to severe, has killed at least 1,369 people, mostly in China. And more than 60,000 people two dozen countries have been confirmed to have it.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday evening that 14 people have COVID-19.

The newest case is in a person under a federal quarantine order after returning to the U.S. on a State Department-chartered flight that arrived on February 7, according to the CDC.

More than 600 people who returned to the U.S. on charted flights from Wuhan remain under federal quarantine; 195 people were discharged Tuesday after completing a 14-day quarantine.

U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., is closely monitoring the situation on the Diamond Princess and said members of Congress got two coronavirus updates Wednesday from various agencies.

"The State Department, CDC, HHS (the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) are very focused on the Americans that are on the cruise ship," she told the Free Press on Wednesday. "They have sent someone from the CDC that is working with the government of Japan. ... There are doctors. Actually, a number of the Americans on board are physicians. Some of them are friends of members of Congress. The State Department and CDC have assured us that they're very focused on it and are trying to come up with a solution.

"We've got a strong task force looking at all the issues related to this."

It's been two days since Wulfmeier has been in contact with her sister, which is difficult because of the 14-hour time difference. But earlier this week, she said LaRouche was still doing well, as was LaRouche's roommate, a friend from Florida.

"I'm confident she and her roommate are healthy," Wulfmeier said. "They have reported no signs of anything."

And although some of the passengers have been allowed to leave their cabins for short periods of time to get fresh air on the deck, Wulfmeier said LaRouche has opted to stay inside her room.

"She's staying in the cabin the entire time," Wulfmeier said. "She doesn't want to risk that. ... They have not opted to go out on that deck with the others."

The ship's crew is providing meals and bottled water to passengers in their rooms, along with free access to WiFi and telephone calls, games, puzzles, TV programming and movies.

"Although we are facing many limitations and challenges, we are doing our best to deliver the ship's most critical needs," said Rai Caluori, executive vice president of Princess Cruises in a statement. "We are also working to provide as much care and comfort as we can to everyone onboard. We hope these gestures will lift the spirits of those onboard in this difficult time."

LaRouche traveled with a friend Jan. 17 for a nearly three-week trip to Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Vietnam, Wulfmeier said.

On Feb. 4, the day LaRouche was supposed to come home to Michigan, passengers were notified that they couldn't leave the Diamond Princess because Japanese authorities needed to check the health status of the 2,666 guests and 1,045 crew.

The reason: A passenger who got off the ship Jan. 25 in Hong Kong tested positive for the COVID-19, according to a Princess Cruises news release. Instead, the ship would have to remain anchored near Yokohama.

The State Department did not comment when the Free Press asked about whether efforts were underway to evacuate the Americans on the ship.

However, a spokesperson said once the 14-day quarantine period is up Feb. 19, passengers "will be permitted to depart Japan on commercial flights, which are readily available, and will not be subject to additional quarantine upon return to the United States."

The CDC is also working with Japanese health authorities to prevent the spread of the disease on the ship, said Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, during a news conference Wednesday.

"Obviously, it's a high priority" to ensure those who are sick are getting proper care and to stop the spread of the virus, she said. "We want to protect their health, and we're working closely, again, through the embassy, on thinking through what the right next steps are, and when there's more information, we will clearly make that available as quickly as possible."

But for Wulfmeier, that's not enough.

"We need to get our American government on this and save the Americans on that ship," she said. "And that's no joke. It's not melodrama. It's not overreacting. This has gotten really serious in my opinion."

Four sites in Tennessee, Kentucky, added to U.S. Civil Rights Trail

By ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Two sites in Kentucky and two in Tennessee have been added to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail, officials said Thursday.

The Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville and the SEEK Museum in Russellville are the two new sites in Kentucky. In Memphis, Tennessee, the Beale Street Historic District and the WDIA radio station were also added to the trail, which was launched in 2018 to promote civil rights tourism.

The sites were announced at B.B. King's restaurant on Beale Street on Thursday.

"Today is a special day as Tennessee shines a brighter light on the brave men and women who stood up for equal rights," Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said in a statement. "I am proud that with the addition of these two sites, travelers from around the world will have the opportunity to learn more about Memphis' deep civil rights history."

The Civil Rights Trail includes about 120 churches, courthouses, schools, museums and other landmarks primarily between Topeka, Kansas, and Washington, D.C., that were important to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, officials said. The four new locations are being added during Black History Month, officials noted.

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Ben Physick, of Australia, watches the life of Muhammad Ali in video clips on display at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Ky. Two sites in Kentucky and two in Tennessee have been added to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail, including the Muhammad Ali Center, officials said.

Established in 1841 in Memphis, Beale Street featured black-owned businesses and became a place where African Americans could work and enjoy themselves during segregation. It remains a popular tourist attraction today.

The street, located in Memphis' downtown, was the site of a march led by The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. that turned violent in March 1968. The civil rights leader was killed in Memphis on April 4, 1968, when he returned to lead a second march in support of striking sanitation workers.

WDIA was the first radio station in the country programmed entirely for the black community, officials said. The station launched in 1947, from studios on Union Avenue in downtown Memphis. The station's broadcasts were heard from Missouri to the Gulf Coast.

Located on Museum Row in downtown Louisville, the Muhammad Ali Center features exhibits centered on the champion boxer's influential life and career. Formerly known as Cassius Clay, Ali was born in Louisville. He died in June 2016 at age 74.

The SEEK Museum in Russellville recognizes the work of journalist Alice Allison Dunnigan with a life-size bronze statue and an exhibit about her achievements. Dunnigan was the first African American woman admitted to the press corps for the White House, Congress and the Supreme Court.

Russellville is located about 140 miles south of Louisville and about 55 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee.

Other sites located on the Civil Rights Trail include King's birthplace in Atlanta, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, and Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas.

State police: Breath alcohol devices back in service

By CHARLES E. RAMIREZ
The Detroit News

Michigan State Police said Thursday the 203 alcohol breath test devices it took out of action because of potential fraud are back in service.

"The 203 Datamaster DMT devices were certified for use at the end of January," state police said in a statement. "The criminal investigation is ongoing into two of the three employees contracted by the vendor to service, certify and re-calibrate the devices.

"As of this date, no charges have been filed and no further suspects or evidence of wrongdoing have been identified."

Officials said last month the agency suspended its contract with St. Louis-based Intoximeters Inc. after it found the company was falsifying records and misrepresenting when the devices were calibrated.

State police on Jan. 10 told law enforcement agencies statewide to stop using the devices because of the problems.

In 2018, Intoximeters signed a 3-year, $1.2 million contract to maintain, calibrate and repair the 215 Datamaster DMT units owned by state police. The contract, which expires Aug. 31, 2021, requires the company to certify each unit every 120 days.

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MEDICAL PEOPLE

Bronson announces promotions in Van Buren County

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Bronson Healthcare has announced several executive changes for its hospital services in Van Buren County.

Kirk Richardson, senior vice president and chief operating officer/chief nursing officer for Bronson LakeView and Bronson South Haven hospitals, has been promoted to senior vice president of community care for the Bronson Healthcare system.

In this role, he will provide executive oversight of Bronson hospitals in Van Buren County, Bronson Battle Creek Hospital as well as ambulatory care development for the regional health care system.

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As part of the transition, two experienced Bronson leaders in Van Buren County have been promoted to new roles. Both executives will continue to report directly to Richardson.

Dr. Matt Dommer, currently vice president of medical affairs, adds chief operating officer for Bronson LakeView and Bronson South Haven hospitals to his responsibilities, while Chris Fitzgerald, formerly director of nursing, is now vice president and chief nursing officer for Bronson LakeView and Bronson South Haven hospitals.

Dommer's responsibilities include hospital administration, overseeing Bronson medical staff and medical staff leadership in Van Buren County, oversight of the system Medical Staff Office, system ethics, as well as Van Buren Emergency Medical Services.

His career experience includes service as emergency department director for Lakeview Community Hospital and vice president and treasurer for Southwest Michigan Emergency Services. In 2006, he became the chief medical officer for then Lakeview Community Hospital, and continued as vice president for medical affairs after it became Bronson LakeView Hospital in 2008.

Dommer obtained his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1996, and completed his residency in emergency medicine at the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies in 1999. He has a master's degree in business administration from Cornerstone University and is a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians as well as a member of the American Association for Physician Leadership and the Michigan Hospital Association.

Fitzgerald has more than 20 years of progressive experience in health care leadership including nursing administration, clinical operations, specialty clinics management and emergency preparedness.

Fitzgerald began her nursing career in 1992, as a trauma and emergency services nurse at Bronson. From 1998-2010, she held leadership positions at Eaton Rapids Medical Center, Riverside Family Practice and Springport Medical Center.

For the next four years, she served as nurse manager for endoscopy at Bronson Methodist Hospital. Most recently, she has led surgical services and acute care management while serving as director of nursing for Bronson LakeView Hospital and Bronson South Haven Hospital.

Fitzgerald received her bachelor's degree in nursing from American Sentinel University and master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

■ 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Lawrence High School, 650 W. St. Joseph St., Lawrence.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Caretel Inns of Lakeland, 3905 Lorraine Path, St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Feb. 21, American Legion, 200 W. Linden St., Three Oaks.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Feb. 25, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

■ 1-6:45 p.m. Feb. 26, Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church, 400 University Blvd., Berrien Springs.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. today, Bridgman Public Library, community room, 4460 Lake St., Bridgman.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-6 p.m. Monday, The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Midwest Energy Cooperative, downstairs conference room, 60590 Decatur Road, Cassopolis.

■ 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, community room, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor.

■ Noon-6 p.m. Wednesday, Lakeland Hospital, Niles, lower meeting room, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 22, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 23, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5 p.m. Feb. 24, Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet, classroom B, 400 Medical Park Drive.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

IN BRIEF

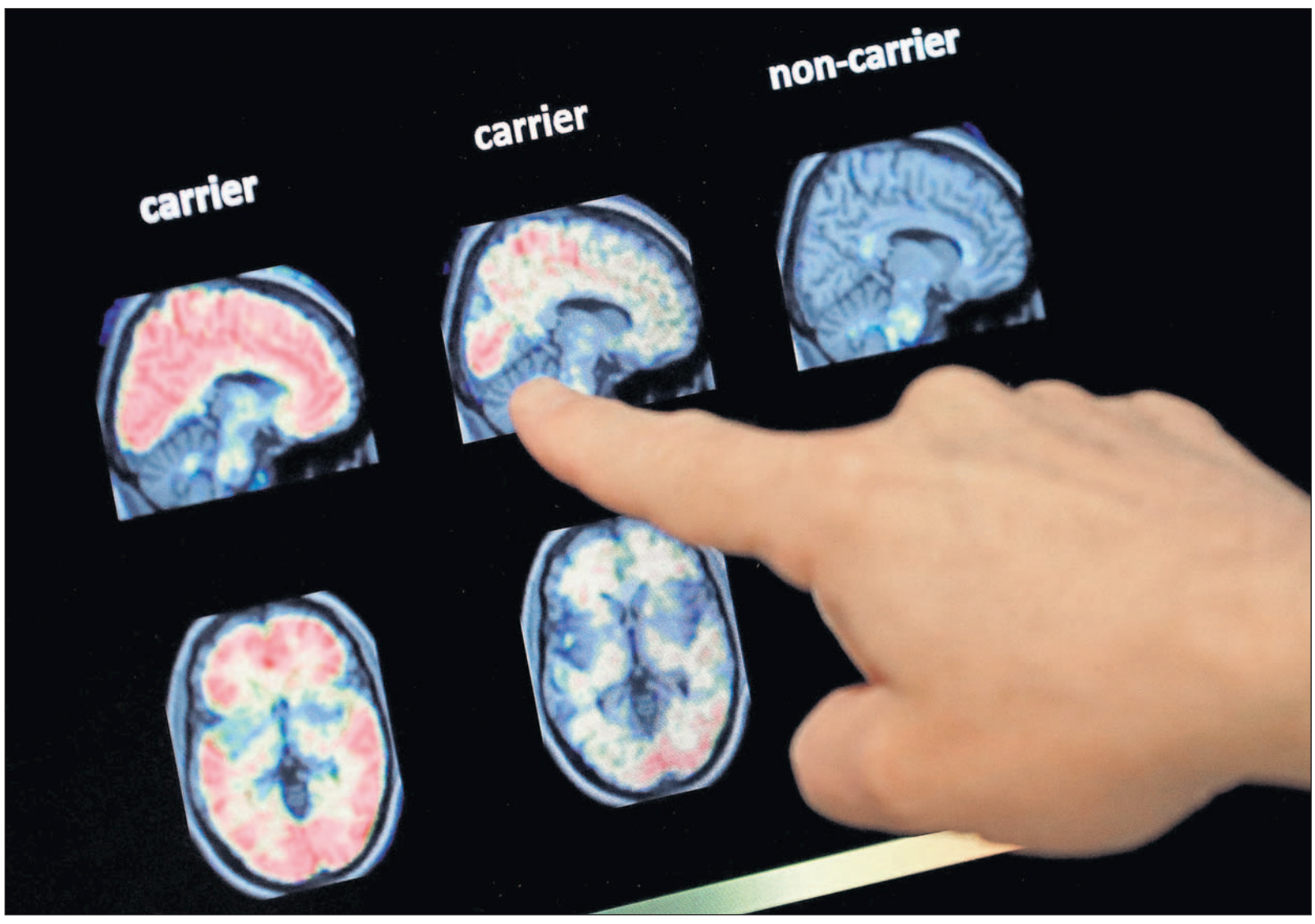
Senior center hosts foot clinics

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Ave., will host foot clinics, by appointment only, on Thursday and Feb. 21. The monthly service is provided by Van's Medical Equipment, and is also available to diabetics with a doctor's order.

The first visit is $30, and includes a reusable foot care kit. Follow-up visits are $25.

Senior center programs are for those 60 and older.

To schedule an appointment, call 429-7768.



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A doctor looks at a PET brain scan at the Banner Alzheimers Institute in Phoenix in 2018.

Drugs fail to slow decline in inherited Alzheimer's disease

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Two experimental drugs failed to prevent or slow mental decline in a study of people who are virtually destined to develop Alzheimer's disease at a relatively young age because they inherited rare gene flaws.

The results announced this week are another disappointment for the approach that scientists have focused on for years – trying to remove a harmful protein that builds up in the brains of people with Alzheimer's, the leading cause of dementia.

"We actually don't even know yet what the drugs did" in term of removing that protein because those results are still being analyzed, said study leader Dr. Randall Bateman at Washington University in St. Louis.

But after five years on average, the main goal of the study was not met – people on either of the drugs scored about the same on thinking and memory tests as others given placebo treatments.

More than 5 million people in the United States and millions more worldwide have Alzheimer's. Current drugs only temporarily ease symptoms and do not alter the course of the disease.

The study tested solanezumab by Eli Lilly & Co., and gantenerumab by Swiss drugmaker Roche and its U.S. subsidiary, Genentech. Both drugs gave disappointing results in some earlier studies, but the doses in this one ranged up to four to five times higher and researchers had hoped that would prove more effective.

The study was funded by the U.S. National Institute on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association and some foundations.

It involved about 200 people in the United States, Europe and elsewhere with flaws in one of three genes.

"If you get one of these genetic mutations, you're almost guaranteed to get Alzheimer's," typically in your 30s, 40s or 50s, said Dr. Eric McDade, another study leader at Washington University.

People like this account for only about 1 percent of Alzheimer's cases, but their brain changes and symptoms are similar to those who develop the disease at a later age. That gives a unique chance to test potential treatments.

"We know everyone will get sick, and we know about what time that is" in their lives, Bateman said.

Most study participants already had signs of the harmful protein in their brain even if they were showing no symptoms when the study started.

The were given either a gantenerumab shot, an IV of solanezumab or fake versions of these treatments every four weeks. The drugs made no difference in a combination score of four memory and thinking tests compared to placebo treatments.

Side effects were not disclosed, but "there's no evidence of any drug-related deaths in the trial," McDade said.

Details will be given at a medical meeting in April.

Solanezumab is being tested in another study to see if it can slow memory loss in people with Alzheimer's.

Gantenerumab also is being tested in two other large experiments that are expected to give results in two to three years.

It's unclear whether the results will affect views on aducanumab, another experimental drug whose makers say it can remove the harmful protein and slow mental decline.

Results on it have been mixed, and the companies have said they will seek federal approval for it soon. Cambridge, Mass.-based Biogen is developing it with a Japanese company, Eisai Co. Ltd.

Lakeland donates $300,000 to new Cass health center

NILES — Cassopolis Family Clinic Network has received a $300,000 donation from Spectrum Health Lakeland for the new Niles Community Health Center facility that opened in November.

The facility at 1951 Oak St., opened its doors in 2014, just as Michigan expanded Medicaid to nearly 670,000 low-income state residents. Most were people who had no regular source of health care, and used the emergency room when they were sick, according to a news release.

Located in a small, two-doctor office space at 24 N. St. Joseph Ave., the health center was at full capacity within a year. The original site could not meet the growing demand for services.

The health center provides primary care and support services for people who are covered by most commercial insurances, Medicare and Michigan Medicaid, and has a sliding fee discount program for those who are uninsured.

The new 30,000-square-foot facility has allowed the health center to double medical capacity to care for an additional 3,200 patients, create a new home for its Obstetrics and Gynecology services, and have an on-site pharmacy, which is set to open later this month.

The facility also has a behavioral health wing providing psychiatric and therapeutic services for patients with mild to moderate behavioral health conditions.

"I speak for everyone at our health center in expressing our gratitude to Spectrum Health Lakeland for its generous support," CFCN CEO Mary Geegan Middleton said in the release. "We hold our collaboration with the health system in high regard, and are committed to working together to care for the people in the greater Niles area."

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Democrats are still searching for nominee

E.J. Dionne

The Democratic Party is united in its desire to defeat President Donald Trump but divided over how high a priority this should be in choosing a presidential candidate. The split explains what happened in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

The substantial majority that sees beating Trump as its priority was badly splintered. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar surged in the campaign's final days and blocked the way of Pete Buttigieg. The former South Bend, Indiana, mayor had begun consolidating the party's moderate and center-left constituencies after his strong showing in Iowa only to be stymied when Klobuchar's dominance of Friday's debate sent a flood of older, well-educated voters Klobuchar's way.

The emergence of both spelled disaster for former vice president Joe Biden, who polled in single digits. His ability to beat Trump was once his calling card. In New Hampshire, according Edison Media exit polling, he won fewer than 1 in 8 of the voters who said this was their priority.

All of which allowed the young, left-of-center, issue-oriented movement that Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has painstakingly organized to propel him to a narrow victory, with 26 percent of the total – about half his share from four years ago, and the combined Buttigieg-Klobuchar vote outpaced the Sanders vote by better than 3-to-2. The exit poll found that Sanders voters were far more likely than supporters of other candidates to say that issues, not electability, mattered most to them.

They were also far less likely to say they wanted a return to the policies of President Barack Obama – they wanted more liberal policies – and enthusiastically supported Sanders's core promises of single-payer health care and free tuition at public colleges.

Sanders now commands the overwhelming share of the Democratic left as Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren faded badly in New Hampshire.

Warren's voters stood somewhere between Sanders' progressive constituency and the moderates who rallied to Buttigieg, Klobuchar and Biden. Warren had hoped her position would make her a natural as a party unifier. Instead, it may have muddled her appeal, and it appears that many who might once have supported her joined the Klobuchar upswell.

The upshot from both New Hampshire and Iowa: If the rest of the Democratic Party remains divided, Sanders could win primary after primary with just a third of the vote. The first two primaries did little to settle who would be Sanders's main rival.

On the contrary, Buttigieg's two strong showings have increased the plausibility of his claim to leadership while Klobuchar demonstrated campaign and debating skills – along with a sharp sense of humor – that will force Democrats in future states to pay attention to her.

It gets more complicated still: Biden wants to stay in the contest until at least South Carolina's primary on Feb. 29, since his strongest appeal has been to African American voters, who make up the core of the Democratic electorate there. They made up just a tiny fraction of the vote in Iowa and New Hampshire.

And then there is former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg, whose strategy was effectively premised on the assumption that Biden would falter, as he has.

Bloomberg's hundreds of millions of dollars in spending have lifted him in the national polls and also leave him in a strong position for the Super Tuesday primaries three days after South Carolina. None of the remaining candidates can dream of coming remotely close to Bloomberg's outlays in those 14 states. But both Buttigieg and Klobuchar can be counted on to ask Democrats if a billionaire purchasing viability is the best leader for a party in which Sanders's loyalists are destined to play a large role.

The good news for Democrats is that turnout was up in New Hampshire over 2016, a great relief after desultory participation in Iowa. The party's hunger for victory over Trump and the GOP has not dissipated.

But Democrats find themselves in a challenging place at a moment when the urgency of defeating Trump was underscored by the blatant politicization of the Justice Department demonstrated by Attorney General William Barr's unseemly and dangerous intervention in the Roger Stone case.

How can Democrats create the solidarity they need to build a majority? The Sanders wing of the party is too small to control it but too big to ignore. This is not a matter of "the Establishment" against its critics but of a division that runs through the rankandfile.

In a buoyant speech Tuesday night, Klobuchar spoke of giving "the people in the middle . . . someone to vote for in November." That's absolutely necessary. But so is the need to give the party's left the motivation to mobilize. Democrats are still looking for a leader who can rise above the factional warfare in the face of the emergency Trump represents. They have yet to find that person.

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The glorious alternative reality of leftism

Ben Shapiro

The Glorious Alternative Reality of Leftism

In 1966, there were 654 murders in New York City. The next year, that number increased by about a hundred. Then two hundred. By the mid-1970s, nearly 1,700 people were being murdered every year in New York City. That insane level of violence maintained until the early 1990s. Then, in 1994, the level of murder in New York City began to decline. It declined from approximately 2,000 people killed in 1993 to 289 in 2018 – a level not seen since the end of World War II. Needless to say, on a per capita basis, the murder rate had *never* been that low.

What, exactly, happened in the early 1990s? New York City residents were simply tired of living in a crime haven. They elected Rudy Giuliani mayor, and Giuliani pledged to enforce the so-called broken windows theory to clean up so-called quality-of-life crimes, stating: "It's the street tax paid to drunks and panhandlers. It's the squeegee men shaking down the motorist waiting at a light. It's the trash storms, the swirling mass of garbage left by peddlers and panhandlers, and open-air drug bazaars on unclean streets." In April 1994, Giuliani's New York Police Department implemented Compstat, a data-driven program designed to deploy police to the highest-crime areas, preemptively targeting criminality, rather than reacting to it. Chris Smith of New York Magazine gushed, "No New York invention, arguably, has saved more lives in the past 24 years." The NYPD also began to employ the "stop, question and frisk" policy, designed to allow police officers to spot people suspected o!

f criminally carrying weapons and frisk them for those weapons after questioning.

New York turned from a mess into a haven. But now Michael Bloomberg – Giuliani's mayoral successor beginning in 2002 – is paying the price for a successful anti-crime record that followed in Giuliani's footsteps. Bloomberg has defended NYPD policies as non-racially biased; in 2015, he told The Aspen Institute that supposedly disproportionate "targeting" of minorities was not disproportionate but based on criminal conduct and description thereof. In crude and insensitive but statistically accurate terminology, Bloomberg pointed out that "Ninety-five percent of your murders and murderers and murder victims fit one M.O. ... They are male minorities 15 to 25." This may have been a slight exaggeration, but only a slight one. In 2008, for example, 88.6 percent of murder and non-negligent manslaughter victims in New York were black or Hispanic, and 92.8 percent of murder and non-negligent manslaughter suspects were black or Hispanic, according to New York government statistics. And black and !

Hispanic suspects were actually *under-arrested*: By these same statistics, just 83.9 percent of arrestees for murder and non-negligent manslaughter were black or Hispanic.

Nonetheless, Bloomberg was widely blasted as a racist for his comments. That criticism came from both left and right. Bloomberg quickly apologized for his five-year-old comments, saying: "By the time I left office, I cut it back 95 percent, but I should've done it faster and sooner. I regret that and I have apologized." But Bloomberg should have stood up on his hind legs and *defended one of his only successful policies*.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where the counterfactual can be entertained without reference to reality. Thus, we are informed that broken-windows policing, Compstat, and stop and frisk should never have been employed – and we are blithely told that even without those policies, crime would have precipitously dropped over the course of two decades. There is precisely zero evidence to support this supposition, but that's the beauty of writing alternative histories: No evidence is necessary.

The same is true in the world of economics, where Bernie Sanders can spend his days living off the largesse of capitalism – the man has a lake house – while decrying the evils of capitalism. It's easy to proclaim adherence to socialistic redistribution while living high on the hog of the free market. It's shockingly easy to get away with maintaining that American prosperity would not have been undercut by policies precisely the opposite of the policies that have driven American prosperity for centuries.

The joy of alternative realities is that they can't be disproved. We can never disprove the supposition that without anti-crime measures, crime would have dropped anyway; we can never disprove the supposition that without the free market, America would have prospered even more greatly than it has. The acid test of reality never applies to a world in which bad ideas were rejected for more effective ones. Which is why Bernie Sanders, who has produced zero things of consequence for decades but has successfully mooched off the public dime for nearly that entire period, may become president, while Michael Bloomberg, who has produced thousands of jobs and presided over a massive decline in crime in New York City, is in the hot seat.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Congress needs to reclaim war authority

Congress needs to reclaim authority on military action

Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Rand Paul, R.-Ky., expressed grave disappointment with the answers they received when they questioned the Trump administration's rationale for last month's attack that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

Lee was so upset that he was prepared to support a resolution offered by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., saying that authorizations to use military force passed by Congress in 2001 and 2002 do not justify further military action against Iran. Unfortunately, the House went first, passing both a repeal of Congress' 2002 authorization that preceded President George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq and a measure that would deny funding for further military action against Iran without congressional approval. It's unfortunate because those votes late last month were mostly along party lines. Growing the backbone to reclaim Congress' constitutional power to declare war should not be a partisan issue. And it is not.

On CNN last month, Lee explained the premise of Kaine's proposal: If the president wants to take further military action against Iran following the attack that killed Gen. Soleimani, he needs an authorization to use military force or a declaration of war by Congress. The resolution would insist upon it.

Congress' 2002 authorization votes, which the public at the time understood to be about an Iraq then led by Saddam Hussein, have since been used to justify military actions in Syria by President Barack Obama and President Donald Trump. And the authorization was initially cited in support of the strike that killed Gen. Soleimani, although the Trump administration has since walked that back, citing self-defense under international law and the president's constitutional role as commander in chief.

While the president appears likely to veto anything he sees as encroaching on his ability to defend the nation and its military, the Senate should pass the Kaine resolution. It should do so on an overwhelming and bipartisan vote, and the House should then pass that resolution. Limited to Iran, it would be a baby step toward Congress reclaiming its war powers, but it would be a step in the right direction.

– Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Matt vs. Mitt: Attack of the swamp creatures

Kathleen Parker

When conservative ringmaster Matt Schlapp officially didn't invite Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, to his annual ultra-right confab – the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) – eye-rolling was suddenly trending.

If little else is transparent in this tiny village where word gets around, Schlapp's motivations surely are. Rather than simply not inviting Romney, which one does by not inviting him, Schlapp tweeted a photo of the senator looking like a corpse-eating zombie along with the CPAC logo and the words: "Not invited: Mitt Romney."

Ostensibly, Schlapp was concerned that Romney might be subjected to physical violence at the conference because of his solitary Republican vote to convict Trump on one of two charges, abuse of power, in the impeachment trial. This concern could have remained buried in Schlapp's furrowed brow but for his apparent determination to say it aloud in the context of a mean-spirited non-invitation.

It's not for nothing that Schlapp has seen his lobbying and public relations firm, Cove Strategies, win massive earnings in the Trump era. He boasted to The New York Times that lobbying revenues increased from $600,000 in 2015 to more than $1 million in 2017, and that "strategic communications" revenues were even higher. In the swampiest of swamps, "strategic communications" obviously pays.

What's clear, of course, is that Schlapp was never going to invite Romney to CPAC. Not only has Schlapp been a Donald Trump man since Day One, as he told me back in 2017, but he also sensed at the onset that Trump would win. This is because Schlapp knows the conservative base perhaps better than anyone, as he should.

As for CPAC, Schlapp typically invites only political stars who might make headlines. Sometimes he might include lesser-known politicians eager for the exposure and, who knows, maybe Schlapp's services.

Proactively snubbing Romney was a win-win for Schlapp that showcased his messaging skills and, inadvertently, revealed his character. When a man is down, by all means kick the daylights out of him. In so doing, Schlapp ingratiated himself to his base, received bounteous media attention, and maybe even earned a little grace for his wife Mercedes "Mercy" Schlapp.

Mercy was White House director of strategic communications until last July when she joined Trump's reelection campaign. Meanwhile, the past overlap of Schlapp's CPAC sponsors and his clients – including Comcast, Altria, and the Motion Picture Association of America – has not gone unnoticed by a contingent of critics who refer to the conference as "The Matt and Mercy Show."

Schlapp knows as well as anyone that Romney is an honorable man and is surely believable when he says his Senate vote was a matter of principle and not, as some have suggested, revenge. (After publicly courting Romney for secretary of state, Trump chose someone else, seemingly to humiliate his at-the-time former critic.) Even if Romney might derive a tiny bit of satisfaction from the fact that his faith-driven principles didn't allow him to acquit Trump, what does he really get out of being an outlier – other than the respect of liberals who would admire Hannibal Lecter if he feasted on Republicans?

Poor Romney – right as rain, yet nobody can spare an umbrella. As a presidential candidate, people said he was too squeaky clean. Or, he didn't pass the beer test. When he said during his 2012 presidential campaign that Russia was our greatest geopolitical foe, people scoffed.

Who's scoffing now?

An argument could be made that Schlapp really was concerned about violence, but what kind of show is he directing? At the 2018 CPAC, conservative columnist Mona Charen had to be escorted out of the conference by security when she was booed for scolding Republicans for not condemning Trump's alleged sexual misconduct. But more likely, such alleged fears were an excuse rather than a reason to justify his tweet.

By essentially encouraging the mob, Schlapp made his bed on the wrong side of conservative principles and, ultimately, of history. Luckily for him, the Romney we both know would probably accept an apology.

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NASA's space snowman reveals secrets: few craters, no water

By MARCIA DUNN
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Roman Tkachenko / AP

NASA shows Arrokoth, the farthest, most primitive object in the Solar System ever to be visited by a spacecraft. Astronomers reported Thursday, that this pristine, primordial cosmic body photographed by the New Horizons probe is relatively smooth with far fewer craters than expected. It's also entirely ultrared, or highly reflective, which is commonplace in the faraway Twilight Zone of our solar system known as the the Kuiper Belt.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's space snowman is revealing fresh secrets from its home far beyond Pluto.

More than a year after its close encounter with the snowman-shaped object, the New Horizons spacecraft is still sending back data from more than 4 billion miles away.

"The data rate is painfully slow from so far away," said Will Grundy of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, one of the lead authors.

Astronomers reported Thursday that this pristine, primordial cosmic body now called Arrokoth – the most distant object ever explored – is relatively smooth with far fewer craters than expected. It's also entirely ultrared, or highly reflective, which is commonplace in the faraway Twilight Zone of our solar system known as the the Kuiper Belt.

Grundy said in an email that to the human eye, Arrokoth would look less red and more dark brown, sort of like molasses. The reddish color is indicative of organic molecules.

While frozen methane is present, no water has yet been found on the body, which is an estimated 22 miles long tip to tip. At a news conference Thursday in Seattle, New Horizons' chief scientist Alan Stern of Southwest Research Institute said its size was roughly that of the city.

As for the snowman shape, it's not nearly as flat on the backside as previously thought. Neither the small nor big sphere is fully round, but far from the flatter pancake shape scientists reported a year ago. The research team likened the somewhat flattened spherical forms to the shape of M&Ms.

No rings or satellites have been found. The light cratering suggests Arrokoth dates back to the formation of the solar system 4.5 billion years ago. It likely was created by a slow, gentle merger between two separate objects that possibly were an orbiting pair. The resulting fused body is considered a contact binary.

This kind of slow-motion hookup likely arose from collapsing clouds in the solar nebula, as opposed to intense collisions theorized to form these planetesimals, or little orbiting bodies.

New Horizons flew past Arrokoth on Jan. 1, 2019, more than three years after the spacecraft visited Pluto. Originally nicknamed Ultima Thule, the object received its official name in November; Arrokoth means sky in the language of the Native American Powhatan people.

Launched in 2006, the spacecraft is now 316 million miles (509 million kilometers) beyond Arrokoth. The research team is looking for other potential targets to investigate. Powerful ground telescopes still under construction will help survey this part of the sky.

Emerging technology will enable scientists to develop a mission that could put a spacecraft in orbit around Pluto, 3 billion miles away, according to Stern. After a few years, that same spacecraft could be sent even deeper into the Kuiper Belt to check out other dwarf planets and objects, he said.

The New Horizons scientists reported their latest findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as in three separate papers in the journal Science.

David Jewitt of the University of California, Los Angeles, who was not involved in the studies, said a flyby mission like New Horizons, where encounters last just a few days, is hardly ideal.

"For future missions, we need to be able to send spacecraft to the Kuiper Belt and keep them there" in orbit around objects, Jewitt wrote in a companion piece in Science. That would allow "these intriguing bodies to be studied in stunning geological and geophysical detail," he noted.

Powerhouse Nevada Culinary Workers union won't endorse a Democratic candidate

By JENNIFER EPSTEIN
Bloomberg News (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Nevada's powerful Culinary Workers union on Thursday declined to endorse a Democratic presidential candidate ahead of the state's Feb. 22 caucus, depriving Joe Biden of an organizational boost.

The omission comes at a time when his campaign needed a jolt of energy following a fourth-place finish in Iowa and a fifth-place finish in New Hampshire.

"The official announcement is we are going to endorse our goals," said the union's secretary-treasurer, Geoconda Arguello-Kline. "We're not going to endorse a candidate."

The union had criticized Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All proposal, which it had warned would replace the healthcare benefits the labor group has negotiated over the years.

The union has 60,000 members in Las Vegas and Reno, more than half of whom are Latino. In 2016, 84,000 people participated in the Democratic caucus statewide, meaning that a successful effort by the union to convince its members to caucus for its chosen candidate could have a significant effect on the results of this year's caucus.

A key issue for the union is its Culinary Health Fund, which provides benefits to more than 130,000 people including its members and their dependents. The union is fiercely protective of its insurance program and has warned members that Medicare for All plans like the one supported by Sanders would eliminate that benefit.

Earlier this week, the union issued a one-page handout to members warning them of "presidential candidates suggesting forcing millions of hard-working people to give up their healthcare." After it began distributing the document, Sanders supporters had "viciously attacked" the union, Arguello-Kline said in a statement Wednesday.

With its handout, the union was conveying "facts on what certain healthcare proposals might do to take away the system of care we have built over 8 decades," Arguello-Kline said. "We have always stood up for what we believe in and will continue to do so."

On Thursday, Sanders angled to appear supportive of the union, using a tweet to back its efforts to negotiate with UHS Inc., parent company of a local hospital.

In 2016, the union declined to endorse either Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders because of concerns that an endorsement would strain resources just ahead of its contract negotiations.

In 2008, Barack Obama received the union's support but Clinton won seven of nine caucuses held at casinos along the Las Vegas Strip after Bill and Chelsea Clinton campaigned aggressively through its cafeterias and break rooms. Ultimately, Clinton won more votes statewide while Obama won more delegates to the Democratic nominating convention.

The union's headquarters are an early caucus site for four days beginning Saturday.

Weight loss drug pulled from market over cancer risk

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

The maker of a weight loss drug pulled it from the market Thursday at the request of federal regulators, who said it posed a slight increased risk of cancer.

Japan's Eisai Inc. said it was voluntarily withdrawing the drug, Belviq. However, the company said in a statement that it disagreed with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's interpretation of new data on the drug's safety and still believes Belviq's benefit outweighs the risk.

The FDA said patients should stop taking Belviq immediately, dispose of leftover pills and contact their doctor for advice on alternatives. The agency also told doctors to notify their patients to stop taking the drug.

Belviq was approved in 2012, roughly the same time that a couple other promising weight loss drugs hit the market. None became the blockbusters they were expected to be, but they offered an option for the many people struggling with excess weight or obesity and related health problems.

Belviq was the first drug proven to help people lose weight and keep it off for several years without raising their risk for heart problems. That was the conclusion of a five-year, 12,000-patient study of the drug's heart safety, which the FDA required Eisai to conduct as a condition of approval.

A recently completed FDA analysis of the data from that study showed 7.7 percent of participants who took Belviq were diagnosed with cancer, slightly more than the 7.1 percent who developed cancer in a comparison group given dummy pills.

There was a range of cancers, with pancreatic, colorectal and lung cancer reported more often in the patients who took Belviq, the FDA said.

The agency said no special cancer screening is needed for anyone who took Belviq. It noted the increased risk was only seen after extended use of the drug.

Eisai / AP

Eisai said its assessment is that Belviq has more benefit than risk for its intended patients. It's specifically approved for adults with a body mass index of 30 and adults with a BMI of 27 who have other conditions that carry heart risks, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or Type 2 diabetes.

An extended-release version called Belviq XR also is being pulled from the market.

In testing before Belviq was approved, nearly half of participants given Belviq lost at least 5 percent of their weight over a year, and nearly one-quarter lost at least 10 percent. Those results were more than two times better than those of participants given dummy pills.

Of the competing drugs launched about the same time, Qsymia produced more weight loss than Belviq. Contrave, approved in 2014, produced similar weight loss to Belviq but carried a strong warning about the risk of increased suicidal thoughts and behavior.

The drugs' costs hurt sales. Belviq and Contrave retail for roughly $300 per month without insurance, and Qysmia sells for about $200 per month, depending on the pharmacy.

Several older diet drugs were previously withdrawn from sale after they were found to raise the risk for heart valve damage, suicidal thoughts or other problems.

The company's U.S. headquarters is in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Kevin Mears, 54, of Niles died Feb. 13, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Calvin Percy, 88, of Niles died Feb. 12, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lillian Cecilia Sabat Stauffer, 90, of Niles died Feb. 12, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Richard Louis Van Dyke Sr.

July 22, 1923 – Feb. 9, 2020

Richard Louis Van Dyke Sr., 96, of Benton Harbor passed away Feb. 9, 2020, at The Willows Assisted Living in St. Joseph.

Richard was born July 22, 1923, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Henry and Frankie (VonAmen) Van Dyke. He proudly served in the United States Army 102nd Division ETO and remained very patriotic – always flying the United States flag. He married the love of his life, Phyllis Marie Shearer, in Kalamazoo on Jan. 24, 1947. Recently, they celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. Richard built the family residence and a second home on the Platte River up north where he spent much of his free time. He retired from Michigan Bell after a 37-year career as a telecommunications technician. His children describe him as a "truly selfless" person, always there for his family.

A service will be held at a later date. Those who wish to leave an online condolence for Richard may do so at www.purelycremations.org. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency or Caring Circle. The family wishes to extend a special "thank you" to Caring Circle.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis; son, Richard (Mary) Van Dyke Jr.; grandchildren, Deidre Ferree, Jason (Holli) Wood, Elizabeth (Rick) Miesse and Grant (Jenna) Wood; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Claire (Top) Gray.

Richard was preceded by his parents; daughter, Judy; sisters, Eleanor and Martha; and brother, Bill Van Dyke (Iwo Jima).

Births

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds even, Khadijah Ali, 2:41 p.m. Feb. 4.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, Varneecia Bennette and Andre Hadley, 8:10 p.m. Feb. 8.

Benton Harbor – Twin Boys, 1 pound, 15 ounces, and 1 pound, 13 ounces, Katie and Nick Hunt, 7:42 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Feb. 6.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, Nautica Walker and Shorterius Kimble Jr., 11:11 p.m. Feb. 9.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, Desiah Johnson and Jywanza Wilson, 6:58 p.m. Feb. 6.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 6.7 ounces, Nicole Osler, 4:33 a.m. Feb. 10.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Katie and David W. Moran, 2:04 a.m. Feb. 10.

St. Joseph – Girl, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, Subhadra Naidu and Karun Pillai, 9:41 p.m. Feb. 10.

Marriage Licenses

Jessica Faith Bennett and Joshua Ryan Myer, both of Niles.

GOP-backed measure weakens Arizona's Voter Protection Act

By BOB CHRISTIE
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Republicans in the Legislature who have long chafed at a ban on changing voter-approved initiatives are moving to ask voters to allow them to do just that on measures affecting "public health or safety."

The proposal from GOP Sen. Vince Leach approved by a Senate committee Thursday would gut a major part of the Voter Protection Act. That 1998 constitutional amendment approved by voters bars any changes to voter approved laws unless they "further the purpose" of the measure and get a three-quarters vote of the Legislature.

Leach told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the effort was prompted by concerns about voter-approved laws, including one allowing the use of medical marijuana and one approved in 2016 that raised the state minimum wage to $12 by this year. That measure has increases state heathcare costs, while lawmakers have been stymied in efforts to regulate THC-infused candies and marijuana growing operations.

He also noted concerns about a failed 2018 initiative known as Proposition 127 that would have required utilities to get 50 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2030.

The measure was approved on a 4-3 party-line vote.

Leach said unnamed "stakeholders" raised concerns about "what would happen if we had severe shortages as a result of that."

"So it was brought to me and I finally said let's do something about it," he said. Leach didn't returns calls seeking comment on who was pushing for the measure.

Republican lawmakers and business groups have long groused about the Voter Protection Act, which was passed after the GOP-controlled Legislature repealed a 1996 medical marijuana initiative. That's partly because voters have passed laws like the minimum wage increase the GOP-controlled Legislature would never approve.

Thursday's hearing was rushed, with no testimony from the public. That irked Joel Edman, who leads the progressive group Arizona Advocacy Network.

"Amending the constitution to steal power from the voters, on a party-line vote, without public testimony," Edman tweeted. "These are the actions of a power-hungry majority acting at the behest of corrupt corporate interests and desperately trying to hold on to power."

Democratic Sen. Andrea Dalessandro was brief in explaining her no vote.

"This severely weakens and undermines the voice of the people of Arizona," she said.

Republican Sen. Eddie Farnsworth countered that claim.

"Just a reminder, this would have to go to the people, so it would be their voice," Farnsworth said.

If referred to the ballot by the Legislature, the measure would be on the November ballot.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Marine Staff Sgt. Norman Camp and his wife, Cindy, eloped instead of having a traditional wedding, and Cindy never got to wear a wedding dress or cut a wedding cake. So today, along with 17 other couples, the Camps renewed their vows at the Orchards Mall in a Valentine's Day event sponsored by radio station WIRX. Their children, Katie, 4, and James, 10, also got to take part in the ceremonies. The ceremony was performed by Jim Matthews, youth pastor at Lakeshore Christian Church. "I've done weddings, but nothing like this," Matthews said. "I had fun."

35 years ago – 1985

Southwestern Michigan has long been known for its fruit and vegetables, but state police say another cash crop, marijuana, is becoming more prevalent.

State police announced today that 86,786 marijuana plants, worth nearly $87 million, were seized in the state last year through Operation HEMP (Help Eradicate Marijuana Planting). Seventy-eight percent of the plants were found in southwestern Michigan.

50 years ago – 1970

Benton Harbor postmaster, George Westfield, said the old Post Office at 175 Territorial Road would be closed at noon today for the final time. The new Post Office, at 325 Riverview Drive, will open for business Monday. Furniture and equipment will be moved from the old to the new over the weekend to avoid any interruption of service.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2020. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 14, 2018, a gunman identified as a former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, killing 17 people in the nation's deadliest school shooting since the attack in Newtown, Connecticut, more than five years earlier.

On this date:

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1913, labor leader Jimmy Hoffa was born in Brazil, Ind.; college football coach Woody Hayes was born in Clifton, Ohio; sports broadcaster Mel Allen was born in Birmingham, Ala.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian forces reached the Rhine River in Germany.

In 1949, Israel's Knesset convened for the first time.

In 1967, Aretha Franklin recorded her cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" at Atlantic Records in New York.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Snow Showers Likely	Clear	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow
16°	8°	33° / 23°	34° / 28°	36° / 26°	33° / 28°

Local Outlook

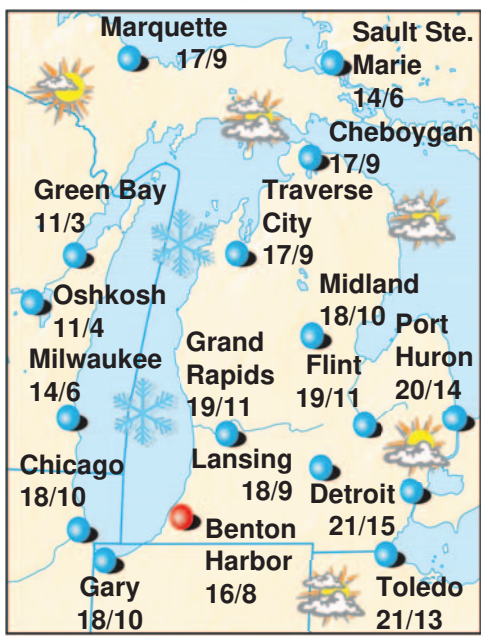
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 100% chance of snow showers, high of 16°, humidity of 75%. West southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 8°. South wind 8 to 15 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:43 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:16 p.m.
Moonrise ..... Yesterday
Moonset ..... 11:02 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
2/15	2/23	3/2	3/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	31°
Low	10°
Normal High	35°
Normal Low	19°
Record High	47° in 2005
Record Low	-3° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.24"
Normal for month	0.64"
Year to date	4.10"
Normal Year to date	2.39"

Air Quality

Yesterday 43
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

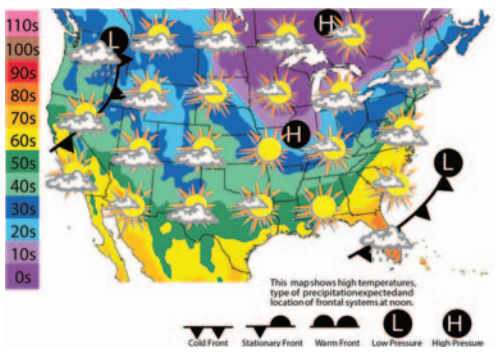
Weather Trivia

Does cold air hold more or less moisture than warm air?

Answer: Less.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 14, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 10 to 13 kt. Scattered snow showers. Widespread freezing spray. Waves 3 to 5 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Saturday with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. South southwest wind 13 to 17 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with isolated snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. South southwest wind 15 to 21 mph.

ONESIES

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with teenage children.

"We all turned 50, so we're out to have a good time," said Kim Murray of Commerce Township, who came with a group of five friends for a girls' afternoon out.

Murray wore a reindeer onesie that she had bought for her 17-year-old son.

"This is my son's Christmas present," she said. "I thought he would like it; he didn't, so I'm wearing it."

The Royal Oak event is one of Michigan's largest onesie bar crawls with stops at 11 venues between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The tickets started at $25 and came with a neon cup filled with sugary candy, shutter shades and a blinking pacifier.

Marketing flyers promoted the event with the catchphrase "I came. I crawled. I partied in my onesie." Organizers said they expected between 1,000 and 2,000 participants.

Some participants joked that onesie crawls, as fun as they are, do not dispel stereotypes about young millennials supposedly wanting to delay entry into full adulthood.

"In fairness, who wants to grow up, man? That's so hard," quipped Patrick Whitehead, 28, the husband of Alicia Whitehead and wearer of a Siberian Husky onesie.

50/50 gender mix

While early onesie crawls tended to skew female, there appeared to be an even mix of men and women at Royal Oak's.

Roni Twohy, 36 of Troy, came with a group of about a dozen men and dressed in a onesie depicting the green eyeball character from the film "Monsters, Inc." He said he has worn different onesies in the past to a different type of onesie event.

"They were more gay-driven onesie parties," he said. "The onesie that I had was not appropriate for this type of bar crawl ... it showed things that Royal Oak probably wasn't ready to see."

Started in New York

The first onesie bar crawl is said to have occurred in New York City in 2014 as a way to draw more business to bars during the slower months of January and February.

Ishmael Khadair, a New York-based promoter with the company Bar Crawl Live, said he came up with the idea on a night he witnessed a traditional bar crawl event and then saw his girlfriend wearing a onesie-type outfit from Victoria's Secret that was called a jumpsuit.

Some bar owners were very skeptical at first, but they came around after the first event drew 1,900 people, said Khadair, a Cleveland native.

"You have no idea how much criticism I got in the beginning," he said. "They thought I was stupid, they thought it was a terrible idea, 'No one is going to come out wearing baby clothes.'

"And I said, you know what? Let's just see what happens. And we did our very first one in Manhattan and it was a huge hit."

Khadair said the onesies at the first several crawls looked much the same. Today, retailers sell an astoundingly wide variety.

Because the bodysuits trap heat, he recommends that bars and clubs turn down their thermostats when hosting a onesie crawl.

"We tell all the venues, I know it's cold and I know it's snowing, but just turn the heat off," he said. "Everyone's in their onesie, so there's no point. It gets really hot in those things."

His company promotes "Boozin' in your Onesie' crawls in 23 cites nationwide, including two crawls in Detroit. The next Detroit event is scheduled for 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Greektown. The Royal Oak crawl has a different, local promoter.

'Stockpiled' onesies

Mr B's Gastropub was another stop on the Royal Oak crawl.

Dressed in a Santa onesie, Brandy Grissom, 40, of Eastpointe led her group of three friends into the bar. One wore a Tinkerbell onesie, another a reindeer onesie and the third a soccer ball onesie.

"This year we are trying to do 12 things we've never done before," she said, "and that's why we decided to do this."

But it was not everyone's first time wearing a onesie. Asked if they had to buy their bar crawl outfits, the three friends smiled and looked to Grissom.

"Somebody already had a stockpile," Marnette McDonald, 49, said.

BERRIEN

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rights people have under the state and federal constitutions, including the Second Amendment.

Commissioner Ezra Scott said county commissioners have sworn an oath to follow state law.

"We do not have the authority over the state, nor do we have the authority to pass an ordinance nor resolution that would affect a local municipality," he said before the vote.

Commissioner Jim Curran said he doesn't need a resolution to show his patriotism.

"I don't think we need to do anything, but I will support this resolution," he said.

Commissioner Teri Freehling said she did research into state law about what powers counties have.

"We may pass ordinances that relate to county affairs ... that do not contravene the general laws of this state or interfere with the local affairs of a township, city or village within its limits of the county," she said.

Freehling said there are two resolutions at the state level seeking to declare Michigan a Second Amendment sanctuary state.

Both bills were introduced in the Michigan House in the past month, by Rep. Gary Eisen from District 81, with state Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, among several representatives co-sponsoring the bills.

One of the bills was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations. The bill states that the "House is concerned that legislation pending in the Michigan Legislature and U.S. Congress, if passed, would infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." It urges the U.S. Congress to reject laws and regulations that infringe on or place additional burdens on the right of citizens to obtain guns.

The other bill is being considered by the House Committee on Judiciary. It states that the right to "keep and bear arms is not related solely to hunting, but undoubtedly allows Michigan citizens to be able to protect their selves and families from the private lawlessness of other persons or potential tyranny of government."

The push to have counties declare themselves to be Second Amendment sanctuaries is a national trend.

The website www.sanctuarycounties.com states that as of Wednesday, 11 Michigan counties have adopted the Second Amendment sanctuary status. The first one was Mackinac County, which passed the resolution Jan. 23.

A Second Amendment resolution was presented to Van Buren County commissioners Tuesday. They took no action.

Several other counties in Michigan have, like Berrien County, opted for resolutions that stop short of declaring "sanctuary" status.

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such as fever and cough, resemble those of the flu, which is in the height of its season in the U.S.

So far, the virus does not appear to be any more contagious than the flu or a cold, though scientists are learning more as cases mount. Because of the ever-evolving situation, the CDC is recommending that doctors and hospitals adopt a "cautious approach" when treating coronavirus patients in their facilities.

This is how that approach would play out if you visited a hospital to be treated for the coronavirus.

Step 1: Triage

Patients suspected of having the coronavirus are required to wear face masks and be placed in a separate room away from other patients while they await treatment. Because the virus can travel up to 6 feet in the air when someone coughs or sneezes, the CDC recommends maintaining at least that distance between the patient and all others to prevent the spread of infection.

"If you have traveled to China, please let us know immediately, even before you walk into a crowded waiting room," said Dr. Brian Lee, emergency department medical director at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. "We can't read minds."

A doctor then interviews the patient about their symptoms and travel history. Patients must meet specific criteria to qualify for testing, including travel to China in the last 14 days.

Patients are typically admitted to the hospital for treatment while they await results of the test, which is usually done through a nasal swab. In some cases, patients with mild illness can self-quarantine at home.

Step 2: 'Negative pressure' isolation rooms

Admitted patients are placed in "negative pressure" rooms, which keep air from seeping out into the rest of the hospital. The air from these special rooms is eventually released outside instead of being recirculated through the hospital.

Such rooms are typically used for patients with diseases such as tuberculosis and measles. They are standard in hospitals, unlike the special chambers some facilities set up to handle Ebola cases in 2014.

"To the patient, it looks exactly like any other treatment room," said Dr. Michael Mesisca, emergency department medical director at Riverside University Health System Medical Center in Southern California.

The Riverside hospital, which has been receiving people quarantined at March Air Reserve Base, has tested patients for the coronavirus but has had no tests come back positive, he said.

Step 3: Keeping staff safe

All health care personnel who interact with infected patients wear gowns, gloves, goggles and masks. Though the coronavirus isn't believed to be more contagious than the flu, scientists don't know everything about it yet.

"We're using what the CDC likes to call an abundance of caution," said Dr. Shira Doron, an infectious disease specialist at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

In San Jose, Calif., five health care workers at Good Samaritan Hospital were put on two-week leave after public health officials determined they had contact with a confirmed coronavirus patient.

With suspected and confirmed coronavirus patients, staff members who can enter the room are limited to the patient's doctor and nurse.

Staffers keep a log of everyone who enters the room. Patients aren't allowed visitors and are encouraged to communicate with their loved ones by phone or video chat.

Hospital workers don't typically wear face shields or goggles when treating flu patients, but otherwise the precautions are not too different from caring for people with seasonal influenza. Many other diseases that hospitals regularly treat require these precautions, Doron said.

"This isn't something very out of the ordinary for us," she said.

Step 4: Treating the patient

There aren't any treatments specific to this novel coronavirus, so doctors do what they can to alleviate a patient's symptoms, which could include administering IV fluids and monitoring lung function. More severe cases may need to be put on a ventilator to help them breathe.

Positive test results do not change a patient's treatment plan because doctors are already treating the symptoms, they say.

Step 5: Calming other patients

Hearing that coronavirus patients are in the hospital can be scary for other patients and their families.

Last week at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego, a 3-year-old girl and her father were admitted as suspected coronavirus cases after they fled China last week. Both have since been cleared and discharged.

Dr. Nicholas Holmes, the hospital's chief operating officer, said staff members emphasized that they were following proper hygiene protocol and doing everything possible to limit the spread of the virus.

He said they also reminded patients and their families that the flu is a bigger concern than coronavirus.

"We always have to address those concerns for parents," he said. "It's really educating the families about what coronavirus is, as well as what are the other infectious diseases in the community at large."

Lee, of St. Joseph Hospital, agreed that the flu remains a larger threat than coronavirus for Americans and requires more hospital resources as influenza patients continue to seek treatment.

"Our main ask to the public is: Don't panic," he said.

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Predicting Daytona 500 success a challenge

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Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio defeats St. Joseph's Rinehart Bennett during their 125-pound finals match Thursday during team districts.

Quick advance

Lakeshore wrestling beats St. Joseph for district title

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH – Lakeshore's highly-touted wrestling team wasted little time in winning its 27th team district tournament championship here Thursday night.

Coach Bruce Bittenbender's grapplers, rated No. 7 in this week's Division 2 poll, improved to 17-1 on the season with a decisive 61-15 victory over host St. Joseph in the two-team district.

The meet took just 58 minutes to complete as the Bears, for a variety of reasons, forfeited five of the 14

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St. Joseph's Ben Betita falls to Lakeshore's Austin Dunn during their 135-pound match.

Chicagoans: City not just NBA host, it's the Mecca of hoops

United Center home to All-Star events this year

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

CHICAGO — The NBA is headquartered in New York. Anthony Davis, one of the game's biggest names, plays in Los Angeles.

Both, unquestionably, are world-class cities.

But in Davis' eyes, they both pale to his hometown. And this weekend, the Chicago native believes the eyes of the basketball world are where they belong – on his city.

"Chicago basketball," the Lakers' forward said. "There is nothing like Chicago basketball."

Chicago is called the Second City, though no one from Chicago believes that the city is second to any other city on the planet – particularly those who represent the city in the NBA. L.A. has the glitz and glamour of the Lakers and now the Clippers, New York has the tradition of Madison Square Garden and possibly the best-known outdoor court in the world at Rucker Park, but Chicago guys scoff at the notion that the game means more anyplace else.

That's why hosting All-Star weekend, with the events beginning in earnest Friday, is a badge of honor for Chicago. It's been more than 20 years since Michael Jordan and the Bulls finished their run of six titles in eight years, nearly a decade since native son Derrick Rose gave the city its last NBA MVP and five years since the city celebrated winning an NBA playoff series. Though the Bulls are not good these days, anywhere one looks in the city Bulls red-and-black gear is still being worn proudly by a steeled fan base.

"Chicago is the Mecca of the game," Davis said.

Mark J. Terrill / AP

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis, left, shoots as Phoenix Suns forward Cheick Diallo defends during the game on Monday.

It's silly to argue that with anyone from Chicago, since the agreement is basically unanimous. It's the city that gave the NBA players like Dwyane Wade and Isiah Thomas, George Mikan and Maurice Cheeks, Mark Aguirre and Tim Hardaway. It boasts Cazzie Russell and Terry Cummings, Eddie Johnson and Dan Issel, Juwan Howard and Jeff Hornacek.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was born in Chicago. So was Doc Rivers, now the Clippers coach and a one-time NBA All-Star – back in 1988, the last time the league's showcase weekend was in the Windy City.

"As far as I'm concerned, Chicago IS basketball," Rivers said.

Rivers has a story that he thinks sums up the city's love affair – and its affinity – for basketball. He recalls March 4, 1978, the day that the Chicago Daily News published for the final time in its 102-year history.

Much of the paper that day was devoted to its own history, which included 15 Pulitzer Prizes. Also covered in that final paper: high school basketball from the night before.

"Basketball, even high school basketball, is important in Chicago," Rivers said. "They were covering it on the last day of their paper. That's how important it was. It's very important to the city. And I was lucky enough to be part of that."

There will be plenty of Chicago flavor at this All-Star: Davis is in Sunday's game, Patrick Beverley of the Clippers is in Saturday's skills competition, and Miami's Kendrick Nunn is in Friday's Rising Stars game. Much of the entertainment the NBA is showcasing over the course of the weekend is also from Chicago: Jennifer Hudson was booked this week to perform a pre-All-Star game tribute to Kobe Bryant and the

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White Sox's Lopez focuses on matching Giolito's turnaround

By JACK THOMPSON
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Reynaldo Lopez saw the success Lucas Giolito had after adopting a more focused approach to pitching for the Chicago White Sox. He wants to find a similar solution.

"I used to work on my body more," Lopez said through an interpreter at Camelback Ranch. "I changed that, I've been working more with my mindset. I did some programs that allowed me to improve that aspect."

He didn't have to look far for inspiration.

Giolito tapped into his potential last season, going 14-9 with a 3.41 ERA and making the All-Star team. He was a long way from that in 2018, when he had the highest ERA among starting pitchers (6.13) and led the American League in walks issued with 90.

Giolito talked about his neuro-feedback program last spring and was greeted with blank stares. He continued to struggle during spring training, but said that because of the program, which consists largely of brain-wave analysis and breathing techniques, he wasn't worried.

"I was as confident as I had ever been on the mound, and it was because I knew I felt right and I knew I was going to be a lot more consistent," Giolito said.

His focus improved to the point where he struck out four batters for every walk, and emerged as the star pitcher he had been expected to be since high school.

"The mind has such an important role in being successful when you play a sport at a high level," Giolito said. "As soon as I did the program and saw how I felt I was talking about it with other guys."

One was fellow rotation mate Dylan Cease, who practices meditation and yoga. Another was Lopez.

The 26-year-old right-hander saw his ERA go the other way, from 3.91 in 2018 to 5.38 last season. When he was good, he was outstanding – a 14-strikeout outing in six innings against the Royals in April, a complete-game one-hitter with 11 Ks against the Indians in September.

But there were other starts, like the one before the Cleveland game, where he was knocked out in Atlanta in the first inning and allowed six runs. And too many more that didn't go well.

"Sometimes I made a bad pitch then I couldn't get rid of it, that thought in my mind was always there, or a bad outing, it was always something," Lopez said. "When something bad happened or I made a mistake, that thought kept on my mind."

In order to try to change that, he spent most of his

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Kuchar shoots 64 to lead Riviera; Tiger wastes strong start

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods began with an unknowing tribute to Kobe Bryant by making an eagle putt that optical cameras measured at 24 feet, 8 inches. He ended his opening round with a reminder that getting around Riviera unscathed is no small task.

That's what made Matt Kuchar's day all the more remarkable.

Kuchar drove to the edge of the 10th green and two-putted for birdie and kept right on rolling until he had a 7-under 64 on Thursday, matching his best score at Riviera and giving him a three-shot lead in the Genesis Invitational.

So clean was Kuchar's round that he only once had to stress over a par putt, and he made the 10-footer at the par-3 fourth.

"I think it's one of the few courses that has truly stood the test of time," Kuchar said. "It was a great test of golf 50 years ago when Ben Hogan was playing, it's a great test today with Tiger Woods and all the young boys playing."

The conditions were ideal once the morning chill gave way to mild sunshine, and Kuchar took advantage in the morning. As much as Kuchar loves the course, he has only one top 10 in his 13 previous appearances.

Woods was 4 under through eight holes and had to settle for a 69.

His record at Riviera is under far greater scrutiny, especially this week as he tries for his 83rd PGA Tour victory to set the career mark he now shares with Sam Snead. Woods has not won in 10 appearances as a pro, two others as a teenage amateur.

This one held promise, especially after he drilled an 8-iron into the par-5 opening hole and made the eagle putt. The death of Bryant on Jan. 26 is still raw in Los Angeles, and the tour dedicated No. 8 – Bryant wore Nos. 8 and 24 during his 20 years with the Lakers – with a purple-and-gold tee sign. Woods made birdie there, his last one of the round.

"Ironic having those two numbers," Woods said of the length of his eagle putt. "And then No. 8, happened to hit one in there close and had a nice little kick-in there for birdie."

Brooks Koepka had Nike design some purple-and-gold Mamba golf shoes last

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Ryan Kang / AP

Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt on the eighth hole during the first round of the Genesis Invitational on Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Red Wings fall to Devils 4-1

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — One good period and a few well-chosen words from interim coach Alain Nasreddine were all the New Jersey Devils needed to get past the struggling Detroit Red Wings.

Wayne Simmonds scored twice in a four-goal third period outburst and the Devils rallied to beat the Red Wings 4-1 on Thursday night.

"I think we got the coach's message," Simmonds said after his first multi-goal game as a Devil. "We turned it on, first period we were awful and it was like we were playing pond hockey, and the second period was a lot of power plays and penalty kills and didn't get a chance to get the 5-on-5 going. But the third period we knew we had to come out and deliver and so that's what we did."

Andy Greene and Jesper Bratt also scored in the four-minute barrage as the Devils posted only their third win (3-20-0) when trailing after two periods.

They now have points in seven of eight games (4-1-3) since returning from the All-Star break.

Goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood, who had shutouts in his last two starts, made 25 saves in winning for the fourth time in five games (4-0-1).

AIRWAVES

Television today

12:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Chubb Classic, First Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Practice. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Second Round. (Live)
2:55 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Wolverhampton Wanderers FC vs Leicester City FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** NextEra Energy 250, Qualifying. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Final Practice. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Daytona 500, Practice. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Michigan at Michigan State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **2020 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game** (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Davidson at St. Bonaventure. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** NextEra Energy 250. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** James Island at Wando. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Michigan at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Illinois-Chicago at Wright State. (Live)
(TNT) **2020 NBA Rising Stars Challenge** (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Track and Field** USA Indoor Championships: Day 1. From New York. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** ISPS Handa Australian Open, Third Round. (Live)
(Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live)

Saturday

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Southampton FC vs Burnley FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Qualifying. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Purdue at Ohio State. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Penn State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Florida State. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Premier League Soccer** Norwich City FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Daytona 500, Final Practice. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Dayton at Massachusetts. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Texas Tech at Oklahoma State. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Third Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **XFL Football** New York Guardians at DC Defenders. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas at Iowa State. (Live)
2:15 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Nebraska. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Georgetown at Butler. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** La Salle at St. Louis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Third Round. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Chubb Classic, Second Round. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Track and Field** U.S. Outdoor Championships, Day 2. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Notre Dame at Duke. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** LSU at Alabama. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **Women's College Basketball** Southern Illinois at Missouri State. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Illinois at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** George Washington at George Mason. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **XFL Football** Tampa Bay Vipers at Seattle Dragons. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (FS1) **PBA Bowling** Players Championship. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Maryland at Michigan State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Missouri. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Valparaiso at Illinois State. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Tampa. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Ohio State at Penn State. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Creighton. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** Los Angeles Kings vs Colorado Avalanche. (Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **Boxing** Caleb Plant vs. Vincent Feigenbutz. (Live)
(50) **AHL Hockey** Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Virginia at North Carolina. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)
(TNT) **2020 NBA All-Star Saturday Night** Events include a skills challenge, three-point and slam dunk contests. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** ISPS Handa Australian Open, Final Round. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Minnesota at Iowa. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Gonzaga at Pepperdine. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Washington at UCLA. Washington visits UCLA. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Colorado at Oregon State. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Calgary Flames. (Live) CC
12:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** UC Irvine at Hawaii. (Live)

Television today

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Mattawan at St. Joseph doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Noon
College basketball — Oklahoma at Kansas (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
6 p.m.
College basketball — Maryland at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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NASCAR's guessing game: Trying to predict the Daytona 500

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Survival is the most important skill in the Daytona 500.

NASCAR's season opener is a three-hour, white-knuckle thrill ride in cramped quarters at 200 mph that's as much about finding holes and help than having speed and handling.

The fastest car rarely wins and has as good a shot at ending up in the junkyard as victory lane.

It's why little-known Michael McDowell has nearly as many top-10 finishes at Daytona International Speedway as stars Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and Jimmie Johnson since the famed track was repaved in 2010.

McDowell is far from the only fluke. A look into recent top-10s at Daytona highlights the unpredictable nature of superspeedway racing and gives hope to every driver in the 40-car field.

"To finish first, you must finish, right?" veteran driver Clint Bowyer said. "You've got to get there. Literally the hardest thing to do is get to the end of that race with all four of your fenders on."

Thirty years after Derrike Cope notched arguably the most improbable win in Daytona 500 history, the track has reached new heights – more of a "who's that" scenario than a who's who of auto racing running up front at the end.

"Think about the way it was when I first started, what you had to overcome handling, slipping and sliding around and a gutsy move," said the 40-year-old Bowyer, who is 0 for 14 in "The Great American Race" and winless in 28 Cup Series starts at Daytona.

"Now it's survival. You've got to survive," he said. "You've got to figure out how to find that hole that's a safe hole that you can survive and make it to the end."

McDowell, Chris Buescher, Matt DiBenedetto, AJ Allmendinger, Ty Dillon and Erik Jones are among those with more top-10s at Daytona than Kyle Larson, who is considered one of NASCAR's most complete and capable drivers.

Austin Dillon, Paul Menard and Ryan Newman have combined for more top-10s at the famed track than Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski.

Odd, right? Some of the races look downright off, even for Daytona.

Ryan Preece and Ross Chastain slipped into the top 10 in last year's 500 following two late crashes that knocked out nearly half the field.

Austin Dillon notched his second career Cup Series victory in the 2018 opener thanks partly to a 12-car pileup in overtime. Dillon led just one lap, the last one.

The July race at Daytona has been even more chaotic.

Rookie Justin Haley won last year's rain-shortened debacle that also included Corey LaJoie, DiBenedetto and Matt Tifft in the top 10. It was the second straight year the winner only led the final lap.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr., McDowell, David Ragan, Brendan Gaughan and Buescher found themselves up front at the end in 2017.

"Mainly it's all about making good decisions on the racetrack and being a smart guy on the track people want to work with," DiBenedetto said. "It's really doing all the things in your control to the best of your ability and then, on top of that, hoping all the things out of your control work your way because you've got to have some luck."

The 2010 repave changed everything at Daytona.

The worn-out, slippery and bumpy racing surface, which prompted tire changes at nearly every pit stop, was gone. Instead, new asphalt around the 2 ½-mile, high-banked track created the tightest pack racing ever seen at Daytona. Tandem racing became the trend in 2011.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Sammy Prince works against St. Joseph's James Behrman during their 152-pound match Thursday. Prince won the match.

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matches.

Lakeshore advances to team regional competition next week, taking on arch mat rival No. 9 rated Niles in a regional semifinal.

"Hopefully we're peaking at the right time," said Bittenbender, whose squad captured the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference's championship last Saturday, and will host the D2 individual district this Saturday.

"We're kind of nicked up right now, and coupled with the injuries and flu bug, we were void in five weight classes tonight," said Taylor Misel, St. Joseph coach, whose squad bowed out with a 16-14 record. "We've wrestled some tough competition this season, and some of our guys needed the extra rest prior to the individual district."

The meet started at 145 pounds and the Lancers jumped out to a 36-0 lead thanks to four forfeits in the upper weights by the Bears.

St. Joseph heavyweight Daniel Gaya stopped the bleeding with a 1-0 decision over Malachi Bell. The Bears' other two victories came via pins from standout sophomores Nolan Wertanen at 103 and Jacob Halsey at 130. Wertanen (36-2) pinned Taylor Lucas in 3:31, and Halsey (35-4) stuck Jonathan Gelesko in 3:34.

Lakeshore's pins came from Aaron Lucio (28-5) at 125; Shane Williams (33-1) at 140; Sam Prince at 152, and Zeke Rohl (28-4) at 215. The Lancers were without Micah Hanau (29-3), who Bittenbender said is nursing a sore knee.

"Other than that, we're in great shape heading into Saturday's individual district at our place," noted Bittenbender.

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103 – Nolan Wertanen (SJ) p. Taylor Lucas 3:31; 112 – Cameron Litaker (L) m.d Collin Staneart 9-0; 119 – Rob DeLaTorre (L) by forfeit; 125 – Aaron Lucio (L) p. Rinehart Bennett 3:00; 130 – Jacob Halsey (SJ p. Jonathan Gelesko 3:34; 135 – Austin Dunn (L) d. Ben Betita 10-3; 140 – Shane Williams (L) p. Yazan Farhan 1:58
145 – James Harris (L) by forfeit; 152 – Sam Prince (L) p. James Behrman 0:57; 160 – Dan Vaugh (L) by forfeit; 171 – Tamara Ragunda (L) by forfeit; 189 – Diego Aiello (L) by forfeit; 215 – Zeke Rohl (L) p, Joey Sicurello 0:40; Hwt – Daniel Gaya (SJ) d. Malachi Bell 1-0.
Records – Lakeshore 17-1, St. Joseph 16-14.

Sticking to script: Bregman, Astros discuss sign stealing

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Alex Bregman spoke for about 30 seconds and said he was sorry, but did not say why. He said he had learned, but did not say what.

On a patch of grass between the Houston Astros' spring training building and fields, under a sun obscured by clouds, the star third baseman stepped to a microphone at a news conference, becoming the first player Thursday to apologize – without really discussing with any details – for the sign-stealing scheme from the club's 2017 World Series championship season.

"I am really sorry about the choices that were made by my team, by the organization and by me. I have learned from this and I hope to regain the trust of baseball fans," Bregman began, before thanking Astros fans and saying he and his teammates "are totally focused on moving forward to the 2020 season."

And thus the script was set.

The most eyebrow-raising statement came soon thereafter, when Astros owner Jim Crane replied to a question from a reporter by saying: "Our opinion is that this didn't impact the game. We had a good team. We won the World Series. And we'll leave it at that."

Moments later, Crane tried to backtrack, saying, "It's hard to determine how it impacted the game, if it impacted the game."

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred disciplined the Astros after he found the team broke rules by using electronics to steal signs during 2017 and 2018. The investigation found the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to view and decode opposing catchers' signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve chances of getting a hit.

Manager AJ Hinch and GM Jeff Luhnow were given one-year suspensions by Manfred; Crane then quickly fired both. MLB did not punish any players for the cheating and Crane said he stood by that.

"We're not going to do anything to the players," he said.

Crane and players denied that Astros hitters used buzzers to get information about pitches.

The owner repeatedly pointed to MLB's report instead of directly answering questions and vowed: "This will never happen again on my watch."

A day earlier, the Astros gathered at their facility, barring media from the grounds, and it was apparent that they mostly agreed on a unified message.

The talking points became clear Thursday before the first official workout of the spring as, one by one, the faces of the franchise spoke to the media in the clubhouse: Bregman, second baseman José Altuve, shortstop Carlos Correa, outfielder Josh Reddick, pitchers Justin Verlander and Lance McCullers.

Red Sox beat Rodríguez in salary arbitration

PHOENIX (AP) — The Boston Red Sox defeated pitcher Eduardo Rodríguez in salary arbitration on Thursday, improving teams to 5-1 this year.

Rodríguez will earn $8.3 million rather than his request for $8,975,000. The case was decided by arbitrators Steven Wolf, Walt De Treux and Melinda Gordon, who heard the argument Wednesday.

A leftt-hander who turns 27 in April, Rodríguez was a career-best 19-6 with a 3.81 ERA in 34 starts last season, when he made $4,325,000. He is eligible for free agency after the 2021 season.

Teams also beat Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson, Minnesota pitcher José Berríos, Atlanta reliever Shane Greene and Colorado catcher Tony Wolters.

Dodgers reliever Pedro Báez has been the lone player to win.

All-Star closer Josh Hader went to a hearing with Milwaukee on Thursday after just making the eligibility cutoff with 2 years, 115 days of major league service. Hader asked for a raise from $687,600 to $6.4 million, and the Brewers argued for $4.1 million. A decision from arbitrators Mark Burstein, Dan Brent and Frederic Horowitz is expected Friday.

A shaggy-haired lefthander who turns 26 in April, Hader had 37 saves in 44 chances and went 3-5 with a 2.62 ERA in his second straight All-Star season.

He failed to hold a 3-1 lead in the eighth inning of the NL wild-card game, loading the bases by hitting one batter, walking another and allowing a bloop single, then giving up a two-out, bases-loaded single to Washington's Juan Soto that scored three runs.

The Nationals won 4-3 and went on to their first World Series title.

Seven players remain scheduled for hearings, which run through Feb. 21.

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SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WHIRLPOOL MIXED – Glenn Roper 593 (223), Eric Monville 588 (204), Ryan Overhiser 552 (216), Diana Nash 535, Karyn Fricke 531, Steve Dockham 525 (222), Bryan Bishop 520 (220), Mike Wright 518, Stephen Bank 502, Sue Wyman 507, Sally Loikits 487, Nancy Pinkerton 486. Team scores: The Bowling Stones 2080 (740), Up's & Down's 1889 (707), Strikers 1889 (642).

COLOMA LANES

THURS. IND. – Danny Gulliver 757 (300), Carley Burrell 690 (237), Jim Davis 679 (233), Scott Donohue 661 (234), Mike Ball 651 (224), Nate Doroh 644 (234), Jason Trapp 638 (232), Jen Hernandez 606 (245).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

Mattawan at St. Joseph, 7
Portage Northern at Lakeshore, 7
Niles at Portage Central, 7
Buchanan at Parchment, 7
Bridgman at Berrien Springs, 7:15
Vicksburg at Dowagiac, 7:15
Comstock at Brandywine, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at Countryside, 7:30
New Buffalo at Lawrence, 7:30
Decatur at Bangor, 7:30
Coloma at Saugatuck, 7:30
Eau Claire at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Mendon at Hartford, 7:30

Girls basketball

Portage Northern at Lakeshore, 5:45
Mattawan at St. Joseph, 5:45
Niles at Portage Central, 5:45
Vicksburg at Dowagiac, 5:45
Brandywine at Comstock, 6
Buchanan at Parchment, 6
Lake Michigan Catholic at Countryside, 6
Decatur at Bangor, 6
Coloma at Saugatuck, 6
Eau Claire at Bloomingdale, 6
Mendon at Hartford, 6

Competitive cheer

Buchanan at Portage Northern Inv., 6

College basketball

LMC men at Muskegon CC, 7:30
LMC women at Muskegon CC, 5:30

Saturday

Boys basketball

New Buffalo at Bridgman, 6

Boys swimming

MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan

Competitive cheer

Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Lake Michigan Catholic, Lawrence at Buchanan, 10

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Thursday's boys scores

Adrian 60, Milan 24
Bay City Western 77, Bay City Central 45
Beal City 81, Leroy Pine River 64
Blissfield 77, Hudson 65
Brooklyn Columbia Central 56, Hillsdale 48
Burton Bendle 65, Burton Genesee Christian 57
Canton Prep 69, Southfield Manoogian 32
Chesaning 50, Otisville Lakeville 42
Detroit Cristo Rey 87, Frankel Jewish Academy 58
Detroit Renaissance 88, Detroit Central 44
Elk Rapids 56, Traverse City Christian 49
Erie-Mason 74, Dundee 72, OT
Ewen-Trout Creek 58, L'Anse 48
Flint International 66, Peck 29
Fraser 50, St. Clair 48, OT
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 59, Waterford Our Lady 40
Hazel Park 54, Auburn Hills Avondale 53
Lake City 46, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 32
Lakeview 61, Hesperia 35
Mackinaw City 61, Alba 33
Manton 55, Roscommon 37
Marquette 68, Escanaba 64
Muskegon Orchard View 58, Muskegon Catholic Central 43
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 74, Muskegon Heights 49
New Haven 63, Detroit East English 39
North Farmington 51, West Bloomfield 43
Onsted 68, Ida 46
Ovid-Elsie 63, Montrose 44
Ravenna 54, North Muskegon 52
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 54, Birmingham Groves 39
Shelby 38, Hart 25
Three Oaks River Valley 58, Covert 12
Three Rivers 81, Sturgis 79
Warren Cousino HS 67, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 61
Whitehall 57, Montague 54, 2OT

Detroit Public School Tournament
Semifinal

Detroit Cass Tech 53, Detroit Comm & Media Arts 44

Girls

Almont 38, Yale 35
Alpena 57, Traverse City West 46
Austin Catholic 53, Landmark 40
Baraga 76, Lake Linden-Hubbell 31
Bark River-Harris 56, Eben Junction Superior Central 16
Bay City John Glenn 52, Midland 43
Bay City Western 54, Bay City Central 48
Bellaire 41, Johannesburg-Lewiston 30
Berrien Springs 46, Bridgman 33
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 39, Detroit Country Day 29
Burton Genesee Christian 45, Burton Bendle 22
Cadillac 55, Petoskey 46
Camden-Frontier 45, North Adams-Jerome 17
Central Lake 56, Pellston 10
Cheboygan 56, Newberry 45
Chelsea 46, Ypsilanti 30
Chesaning 66, Otisville Lakeville 13
Constantine 52, Delton Kellogg 47
Crystal Falls Forest Park 40, West Iron County 34
Dexter 72, Ypsilanti Lincoln 26
Engadine 53, DeTour 24
Ferndale University 42, Detroit Cristo Rey 21
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 55, Lapeer 39
Gaylord St. Mary 56, Indian River-Inland Lakes 27
Gwinn 55, Gladstone 46
Harbor Light Christian 56, Ellsworth 33
Hesperia 65, Lakeview 34
Hillman 49, Posen 47
Hillsdale Academy 41, Jackson Christian 24
Kingsley 62, Suttons Bay 20
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 49, Mason County Eastern 36
Leland 53, Grand Traverse Academy 33
Mackinaw City 58, Alba 18
Macomb Lutheran North 39, Brown City 33
Mancelona 40, Onaway 38
Manistee Catholic Central 44, Bear Lake 18
Marion 42, Brethren 24
Merritt Academy 40, Mount Clemens 32
Michigan Center 56, Napoleon 13
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 41, Grosse Ile 17
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 63, Coleman 48
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 69, Muskegon Heights 15
Negaunee 62, Iron Mountain 48
North Central 60, Stephenson 44
Oscoda 64, Whittemore-Prescott 27
Owendale-Gagetown 35, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 22
Petersburg Summerfield 43, Morenci 27
Pickford 64, Brimley 33
Pinconning 43, Beaverton 41
Port Huron Northern 47, Livonia Stevenson 27
Portland St. Patrick 39, Bath 21
Rock Mid Peninsula 41, Norway 35
Royal Oak Shrine 41, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 24
Saline 59, Monroe 31
Sault Ste Marie 63, Rudyard 23
St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 52, Marcellus Howardsville Christian 5
Three Rivers 70, Sturgis 32
Traverse City Central 56, Gaylord 53
Vestaburg 51, Ashley 33
Walkerville 67, Mesick 43
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 52, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 44

MAC Tournament
Blue/Gold Division Quarterfinal

Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 45, St. Clair 28
Marine City 45, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 34
Marysville 45, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 41

Non-Qualifier Round

St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 32, Fraser 10
Warren Cousino HS 51, Sterling Heights 26
Warren Woods Tower 54, Madison Heights Madison 28

Red/White Division Quarterfinal

Grosse Pointe North 65, Utica 61
Macomb Dakota 58, Utica Ford 27

Silver/Bronze Division Quarterfinal

Clawson 48, New Haven 28
Eastpointe East Detroit 52, Warren Mott 32
Warren Lincoln 36, Madison Heights Lamphere 28

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's games

EAST

Fairleigh Dickinson 106, Wagner 73
Hofstra 76, Coll. of Charleston 63
LIU 90, CCSU 74
Merrimack 60, St. Francis Brooklyn 50
Northeastern 71, UNC-Wilmington 63
Robert Morris 77, Mount St. Mary's 60
Sacred Heart 74, Bryant 65

SOUTH

Austin Peay 71, Murray St. 68
Belmont 74, Tennessee St. 51
Campbell 75, Hampton 49
Charleston Southern 66, High Point 63
Delaware 81, Elon 75
E. Kentucky 78, Morehead St. 71
Florida Gulf Coast 70, Kennesaw St. 58
Gardner-Webb 74, Winthrop 70
Georgia Southern 79, Coastal Carolina 69
Georgia St. 76, Appalachian St. 65
Lipscomb 77, NJIT 63
Louisiana Tech 60, FIU 57
Louisiana-Monroe 74, Troy 71
North Florida 81, Jacksonville 66
Radford 81, Presbyterian 71
South Alabama 78, Louisiana-Lafayette 75
Southern Miss. 68, FAU 66
Stetson 75, North Alabama 64
Tennessee Tech 75, Jacksonville St. 74
UNC-Asheville 73, Longwood 71
Wichita St. 75, UCF 58
William & Mary 77, Drexel 72

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 92, Memphis 86, OT
Indiana 89, Iowa 77
Oakland 79, Cleveland St. 74
Rio Grande 80, Utah Valley 72
SE Missouri 74, UT Martin 72
SIU-Edwardsville 76, E. Illinois 74
Youngstown St. 76, Detroit 72

SOUTHWEST

North Texas 81, Charlotte 72
Old Dominion 73, Rice 70
Texas State 74, UALR 66
Texas-Arlington 77, Arkansas St. 67
UTSA 72, Marshall 63
W. Kentucky 67, UTEP 62

FAR WEST

California Baptist 107, Westcliff University 45
Grand Canyon 71, UMKC 66, OT
Long Beach St. 50, Hawaii 49
Montana 72, Weber St. 37
Montana St. 73, Idaho St. 69
N. Colorado 84, N. Arizona 54
New Mexico St. 72, Seattle 64
Oregon 68, Colorado 60
Oregon St. 70, Utah 51
Pacific 75, Portland 55
San Francisco 70, Santa Clara 61
Southern Cal 62, Washington 56

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	12	2	.857	21	4	.840
Duke	11	2	.846	21	3	.875
Florida St.	10	3	.769	20	4	.833
Virginia	8	5	.615	16	7	.696
NC State	7	6	.538	16	8	.667
Syracuse	7	6	.538	14	10	.583
Notre Dame	6	7	.462	15	9	.625
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	15	10	.600
Clemson	6	8	.429	12	12	.500
Boston College	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Virginia Tech	5	8	.385	14	10	.583
Miami	4	10	.286	12	12	.500
Wake Forest	4	10	.286	11	13	.458
North Carolina	3	10	.231	10	14	.417

Saturday's Games

Syracuse at Florida St., Noon
Wake Forest at Miami, 2 p.m.
Louisville at Clemson, 4 p.m.
Notre Dame at Duke, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Virginia at North Carolina, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

NC State at Boston College, 6 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	10	3	.769	20	4	.833
Penn St.	9	4	.692	19	5	.792
Michigan St.	9	5	.643	17	8	.680
Illinois	8	5	.615	16	8	.667
Iowa	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Rutgers	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Wisconsin	7	6	.538	14	10	.583
Purdue	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Indiana	6	7	.462	16	8	.667
Ohio St.	6	7	.462	16	8	.667
Michigan	6	7	.462	15	9	.625
Minnesota	6	7	.462	12	11	.522
Nebraska	2	11	.154	7	17	.292
Northwestern	1	12	.077	6	17	.261

Thursday's Games

Indiana 89, Iowa 77

Saturday's Games

Purdue at Ohio St., Noon
Northwestern at Penn St., Noon
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 2:15 p.m.
Illinois at Rutgers, 4:30 p.m.
Maryland at Michigan St., 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Michigan, 1 p.m.
Iowa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

GOLF

PGA – The Genesis Invitational
Thursday
At Riviera Country Club
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Purse: $9.3 million Yardage: 7,322; Par 71 (35-36)
First Round

Matt Kuchar	32-32—64	-7
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	34-33—67	-4
Russell Henley	31-36—67	-4
Wyndham Clark	33-34—67	-4
Adam Schenk	32-35—67	-4
Harold Varner III	33-34—67	-4
Rafa Cabrera Bello	33-35—68	-3
Carlos Ortiz	33-35—68	-3
Rory McIlroy	32-36—68	-3
Patrick Cantlay	33-35—68	-3
Jason Day	34-34—68	-3
Bryson DeChambeau	35-33—68	-3
Andrew Landry	32-36—68	-3
Joel Dahmen	34-34—68	-3
Patrick Reed	33-35—68	-3
James Hahn	34-34—68	-3
Scottie Scheffler	34-35—69	-2
Sungjae Im	32-37—69	-2
Brooks Koepka	33-36—69	-2
Paul Casey	35-34—69	-2
Sebastián Muñoz	36-33—69	-2
J.T. Poston	33-36—69	-2
Michael Thompson	33-36—69	-2
Denny McCarthy	32-37—69	-2
Tiger Woods	31-38—69	-2
Sung Kang	36-33—69	-2
J.B. Holmes	35-34—69	-2
Justin Rose	35-34—69	-2
Si Woo Kim	36-33—69	-2
Chez Reavie	34-35—69	-2
Scott Stallings	32-37—69	-2
Vaughn Taylor	32-37—69	-2
Brian Harman	34-36—70	-1
Marc Leishman	34-36—70	-1
Corey Conners	36-34—70	-1
Sergio Garcia	34-36—70	-1
Talor Gooch	35-35—70	-1
Jon Rahm	33-37—70	-1
Jim Furyk	34-36—70	-1
Scott Piercy	36-34—70	-1
Ryan Armour	33-37—70	-1
Scott Brown	36-35—71	E
Alex Noren	33-38—71	E
Bronson Burgoon	32-39—71	E
Matthew Fitzpatrick	32-39—71	E
Emiliano Grillo	38-33—71	E
Chris Stroud	35-36—71	E
Kevin Chappell	35-36—71	E
Hideki Matsuyama	33-38—71	E
Ryan Palmer	35-36—71	E
Erik van Rooyen	36-35—71	E
Martin Laird	34-37—71	E
Patrick Rodgers	37-34—71	E
Luke List	34-37—71	E
Sepp Straka	35-36—71	E
Ryan Moore	36-35—71	E
Adam Hadwin	35-36—71	E
Nick Watney	37-34—71	E
Adam Long	35-36—71	E
Nick Taylor	33-38—71	E
Lanto Griffin	33-38—71	E
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	34-37—71	E
Aaron Baddeley	35-36—71	E
Kyle Stanley	34-37—71	E
Jason Kokrak	34-38—72	+1
Brian Stuard	36-36—72	+1
Dustin Johnson	36-36—72	+1
Phil Mickelson	37-35—72	+1
Bubba Watson	35-37—72	+1
Xander Schauffele	34-38—72	+1
Andrew Putnam	36-36—72	+1
Rory Sabbatini	36-36—72	+1
Kevin Tway	36-36—72	+1
Danny Lee	36-36—72	+1
Brian Gay	38-34—72	+1
Steve Stricker	36-36—72	+1
Adam Scott	35-37—72	+1
Max Homa	35-37—72	+1
Jordan Spieth	35-37—72	+1
Tony Finau	34-38—72	+1
Joaquin Niemann	36-36—72	+1
C.T. Pan	37-35—72	+1
Martin Trainer	34-38—72	+1
Matt Every	36-37—73	+2
Brendon Todd	35-38—73	+2
Jim Herman	37-36—73	+2
Aaron Wise	33-40—73	+2
Tyler Duncan	37-36—73	+2
Sam Burns	36-37—73	+2
J.J. Spaun	38-35—73	+2
Branden Grace	35-38—73	+2
Danny Willett	38-35—73	+2
Collin Morikawa	33-40—73	+2
Pat Perez	32-41—73	+2
Troy Merritt	35-38—73	+2
Charley Hoffman	34-39—73	+2
Kevin Na	35-39—74	+3
Cameron Smith	38-36—74	+3
Russell Knox	36-38—74	+3
Dylan Frittelli	37-37—74	+3
Matthew Wolff	35-39—74	+3
Roger Sloan	34-40—74	+3
Cameron Tringale	36-38—74	+3
Bud Cauley	36-38—74	+3
Justin Thomas	38-36—74	+3
Peter Malnati	35-39—74	+3
Joseph Bramlett	39-35—74	+3
Jhonattan Vegas	38-37—75	+4
Jason Dufner	39-36—75	+4
Cameron Champ	38-37—75	+4
Keegan Bradley	37-38—75	+4
Jimmy Walker	35-40—75	+4
Francesco Molinari	36-39—75	+4
Sam Ryder	37-39—76	+5
Nate Lashley	37-39—76	+5
Abraham Ancer	38-38—76	+5
Charles Howell III	39-38—77	+6
Sean Yu	35-43—78	+7
Matt Jones	38-41—79	+8
Kyongjun Moon	40-40—80	+9

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
Phila.	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105
Orlando 116, Detroit 112, OT
Brooklyn 101, Toronto 91
Washington 114, New York 96
Indiana 118, Milwaukee 111
Memphis 111, Portland 104
Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108
Dallas 130, Sacramento 111
Phoenix 112, Golden State 106
Utah 116, Miami 101
L.A. Lakers 120, Denver 116, OT

Thursday's Games

Oklahoma City 123, New Orleans 118
Boston 141, L.A. Clippers 133, 2OT

Today's Game

2020 Rising Stars Challenge

Team USA vs Team World, 9 p.m., Chicago

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled.

Sunday's Games

2020 All-Star Game

Team Giannis vs Team LeBron, 8 p.m., Chicago

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	58	35	11	12	82	192	144
Tampa Bay	58	38	15	5	81	206	153
Toronto	58	30	20	8	68	205	192
Florida	57	30	21	6	66	200	194
Montreal	59	27	25	7	61	180	180
Buffalo	58	26	24	8	60	166	181
Ottawa	57	19	27	11	49	150	193
Detroit	59	14	41	4	32	121	220

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	56	36	15	5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh	55	34	15	6	74	182	150
N.Y. Islanders	56	33	17	6	72	166	156
Columbus	58	30	17	11	71	151	143
Philadelphia	58	32	19	7	71	190	172
Carolina	56	32	21	3	67	181	157
N.Y. Rangers	56	29	23	4	62	185	177
New Jersey	56	21	25	10	52	156	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	56	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	55	33	16	6	72	200	154
Dallas	57	33	19	5	71	154	144
Winnipeg	58	29	24	5	63	174	176
Nashville	56	27	22	7	61	183	183
Minnesota	57	27	23	7	61	176	185
Chicago	57	25	24	8	58	166	181

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	58	32	21	5	69	190	175
Edmonton	57	30	21	6	66	182	179
Vegas	58	28	22	8	64	182	178
Calgary	58	29	23	6	64	164	178
Arizona	60	28	24	8	64	167	165
Anaheim	56	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	56	24	28	4	52	147	187
Los Angeles	58	20	33	5	45	142	186

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games

Dallas 3, Toronto 2
New Jersey 4, Detroit 1
Philadelphia 6, Florida 2
Tampa Bay 3, Edmonton 1
Buffalo 4, Columbus 3, OT
Ottawa 3, Arizona 2
Nashville 5, N.Y. Islanders 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Minnesota 3, SO
Washington at Colorado
Calgary at Anaheim
St. Louis at Vegas

Today's Games

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League

MIAMI MARLINS – Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Boxberger and UTL Sean Rodriguez on minor league contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – Signed RHP Tommy Hunter to a one-year contract. Transferred RHP David Robertson to the 60-day IL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES – Agreed to terms with OF Jarrod Dyson on a one-year contract. Placed RHP Jameson Taillon on the 60-day IL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA – Fined LA Clippers F Paul George $35,000 for public criticism of the officiating, following a 110-103 loss to Phila. on Feb. 11.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS – Named T.C. McCartney offensive assistant coach, Scott Peters assistant offensive line coach and Chris Kiffin defensive line coach.
NEW YORK JETS – Signed TE Daniel Brown to a one-year contract extension.
TENNESSEE TITANS – Agreed to terms with TE Anthony Firkser on a one-year contract extension.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS – Signed LB Jared Norris.

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 46, BRIDGMAN 33

BERRIEN SPRINGS (46)

Hillary Dortch 5 3-5 16, Taneya Shivers 5 2-4 13, Maggie Griffiths 4 0-0 8, Zoe Dortch 3 1-2 8, Kym'meisha Ellis-Davis 0 1-2 1. Totals: 17 7-15 46.

BRIDGMAN (33)

Talea LaVanway 4 0-0 8, Mackenzie Norris 2 4-8 8, Elis Schmaltz 3 0-0 6, Rydelski 2 0-0 4, Olivia Tomlin 1 102 3, Arie Hackett 1 0-0 2, Jalynn Krieger 0 2-8 2. Totals: 13 7-18 33.

Berrien Springs	**13**	**16**	**7**	**10**	**– 46**
Bridgman	**6**	**10**	**9**	**8**	**– 33**

3-point goals – Berrien Springs 5 (H. Dortch 3, Z. Dortch, Shivers). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 16, Bridgman 13. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records: Berrien Springs 4-4 BCS Red, 6-11; Bridgman 2-6, 3-13.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 52, HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 5

M LUTHERAN (52)

Abby Harris 4 2-2 10, Jessi Jewell 4 0-0 9, Rebekah Hisle 4 1-1 9, Mara Rugen 8, Maria Rush 3 0-0 6, Jenna Koehler 2 0-0 4, Hailey Conrad 1 0-0 2, Clare Berghaus 1 0-2 2, Alexia Tobias 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 3-5 52.

H CHRISTIAN (5)

Trinity Hostetlier 1 0-2 3, Izzy Rupp 0 2-2 2. Totals 1 2-4 5.

M Lutheran	**18**	**14**	**12**	**8**	**– 52**
H Christian	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**– 5**

3-point goals – M Lutheran (Jewell). Rebounds – M Lutheran (Hisle 6 rebounds, Harris 6 rebounds). Total fouls – H Christian 8, M Lutheran 6. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – M Lutheran 11-1 BCS White, 15-1; H Christian 4-8 BCS White, 4-10.

NASCAR signs Verizon to upgrade wireless, wifi at 12 racetracks

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced a deal with Verizon on Thursday intended to give fans at its 12 racetracks better access for their phones and solve a long-simmering headache over dead zones at the sprawling venues.

The deal will improve connectivity at the 12 tracks owned by NASCAR – a problem fans have complained about for years. Even when the top Cup Series was sponsored first by Nextel and then Sprint, cellular service was spotty and often only available to customers of those specific carriers.

Verizon will work with NASCAR to upgrade in-venue wireless communication service over the next three years. Verizon becomes the official wireless and 5G partner for the stock car racing series and the wi-fi partner at the 12 tracks, which host 19 of the 36 Cup Series races: Auto Club Speedway in Fontana (Calif.); Chicagoland in Joliet (Ill.); Darlington (S.C.); Daytona (Fla.); Homestead-Miami; Kansas (Kan.); Martinsville (Va.); Michigan (Brooklyn, Mich.); ISM Raceway near Phoenix; Richmond (Va.), Talladega (Ala.) and Watkins Glen (N.Y.).

Eleven tracks not owned by NASCAR also host Cup Series races. It will be up to their promoters to decide if a similar upgrade will be taken.

Craig Neeb, executive vice president and chief innovation officer for NASCAR, would not disclose the cost of the project. He said a renovation completed prior to last season at Phoenix Raceway included a "full investment not only from a cellular standpoint but the wireless infrastructure" and the fan feedback proved it was a worthy investment.

"All of us in a normal daily course of life use our phones all day and when you don't have the wireless access, the fan experience did suffer," Neeb said.

SOX

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offseason in Los Angeles rather than his native Dominican Republic, working with Giolito, the Mets' Noah Syndergaard and other starting pitchers. They worked at the Mamba Academy, the facility that late NBA great Kobe Bryant helped to start.

"I think everybody knows that this game is more mental than physical," Lopez said. "Now I am in a much better place mentally and physically."

He will need to be since the White Sox, who are hoping to end a 12-year postseason drought this fall, have brought in reinforcements for the rotation. Joining Giolito and Cease are veteran lefties Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez. Lopez has the fifth spot for now, but when rookie Michael Kopech is ready after completing his Tommy John surgery rehab early in the season, someone will have to move to the bullpen.

"I'm going to keep doing my job. I need to fight for it," Lopez said. "You can't be comfortable because there are a lot of people behind you that want the spot. That's my mindset, I know what I need to do. I just have to have the confidence in myself."

CHICAGO

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as well; Queen Latifah is performing during All-Star Saturday.

Also Saturday, President Barack Obama – another proud Chicagoan, and like Rivers an unabashed White Sox fan in a baseball-loving city where Cubs allegiance runs deep – will be hosting a roundtable discussion with several NBA players.

It is a celebration, tempered somewhat by the ongoing mourning of Bryant – in Chicago's Midway Airport, someone taped a Bryant poster up near one of the gates in a busy terminal. No one seemed to know who put it there, and no one at the airport plans on taking it down, either. And this weekend also comes as the city continues to deal with a massive problem of gun violence, though the murder rate has dropped in each of the past three years.

"An All-Star in our city, it means a lot," Nunn said. "It brings something positive to the city, and it needs it. The violence is definitely down, but anything something this good comes to Chicago it means a lot to the city. And it means a lot to me to have the chance to go back and be part of it all."

Rivers said he thinks a quote from former Bulls coach Phil Jackson – "It's a city with broad shoulders" – is one of the most appropriate ways to describe Chicago.

"The thing about Chicago, it's a loyal sports town," Rivers said. "The teams have been up and down, more down, but they don't go away. When you play the Bulls on the road, it's packed with Chicago fans. ... It's a city that has grown up through sports."

KUCHAR

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October because Bryant inspired him during his return from injury. Koepka called the shoe company after hearing of Bryant's death in a helicopter crash and suggested something be done, oblivious that he had requested the shoes months earlier. He opened with a 69.

Justin Thomas, who auctioned off Kobe-themed sand wedges he used in the Phoenix Open, had Foot-Joys of purple-and-gold. They didn't help him much on this day. He opened with a 74 and was in danger of missing the cut for the second time this year.

Woods seemed bent on having his say at Riviera with the eagle and two more birdies through eight holes, leaving him three off the lead and the back nine to play. But he couldn't keep his swing together, and it eventually caught up with him.

A drive to the right on No. 11 hit a eucalyptus tree and ricocheted to the left side of the fairway. He missed the green to the left on No. 12 for bogey.

He hit a drive into the left trees on No. 13 and got up-and-down from 165 yards for par. He dropped another shot on the 18th when after hitting so many drives to the left, he leaked one badly to the right and had to pitch out to the fairway, slamming his iron into the cart path in disgust as he walked through the crowd.

"Just didn't hit many good shots on the back nine," Woods said. "Made a couple loose swings and made a couple good saves on the back nine for par, but just wasn't able to get any birdies on the back nine."

He said his duties as tournament host kept him away from the practice range except for a short time before the pro-am Wednesday, and he was trying to piece something together for the first round. It only lasted so long.

Kuchar made birdie on two of the par 5s, made two birdie putts of 30 feet or longer and rarely was in trouble.

"To shoot a number like this, you kind of do most things well," Kuchar said. "I didn't find myself in much trouble today. ... I felt like it was just steady golf, a lot of opportunities and I was able to convert on a good number of opportunities today"

K.H. Lee and Russell Henley also played bogey-free and were at 67, along with Wyndham Clark from the morning wave. Adam Schenk and Harold Varner III each had 67 in the afternoon under a little more breeze and greens that were bumpier from so much foot traffic during the day.

Rory McIlroy opened with a 68 in his return to No. 1 in the world, and it took him time to get going.

McIlroy's opening tee shot was pure enough, but it bounced over the 10th green and rolled up near the lip of a back bunker. He left his first shot in the sand and did well to escape with par, only to miss 3-foot putts on the next two holes – one for birdie, one for par.

He had to scramble his way along the back until blasting a 3-wood to about 30 feet on the par-5 17th and making eagle, and then adding an eagle on par-5 opening hole.

The biggest challenge was the cold air in the morning.

McIlroy ripped a drive – he did that a lot in the opening round – into the par-5 11th and then came up 30 yards short with a flush 3-wood. About two hours later, he had 289 yards for his second into the par-5 17th and hit 3-wood to pin-high.

"It just shows you what temperature does," McIlroy said.

Patrick Cantlay and Patrick Reed were among those at 68.

Even in mint conditions, only about one-third of the field broke par.

Hometown Heroes

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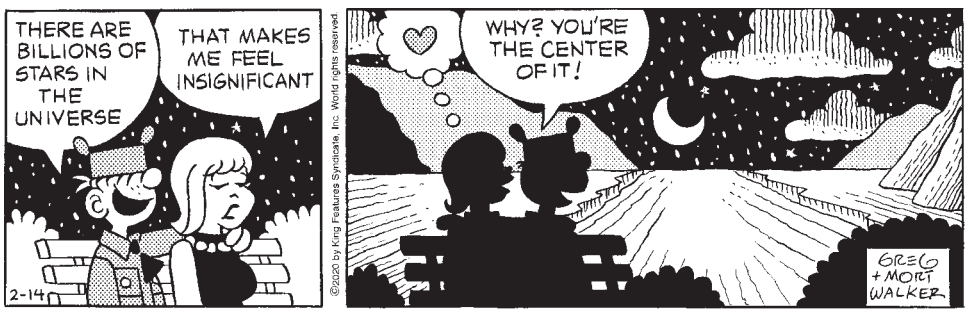
BEETLE BAILEY


THERE ARE BILLIONS OF STARS IN THE UNIVERSE
THAT MAKES ME FEEL INSIGNIFICANT
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WHY? YOU'RE THE CENTER OF IT!
GREG + MORT WALKER
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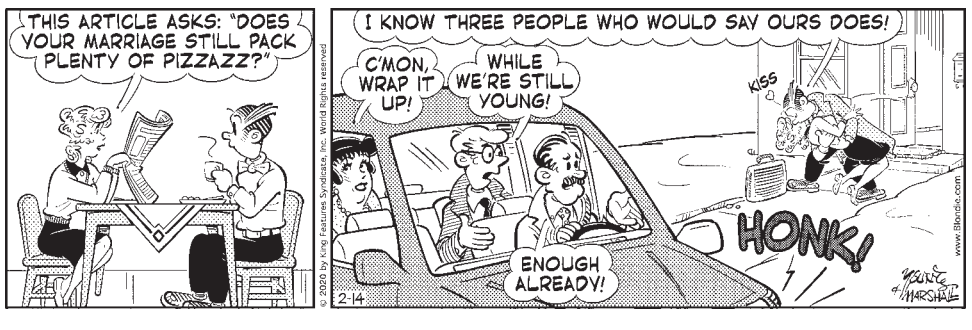
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I KNOW THREE PEOPLE WHO WOULD SAY OURS DOES!
C'MON, WRAP IT UP!
WHILE WE'RE STILL YOUNG!
KISS
HONK!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
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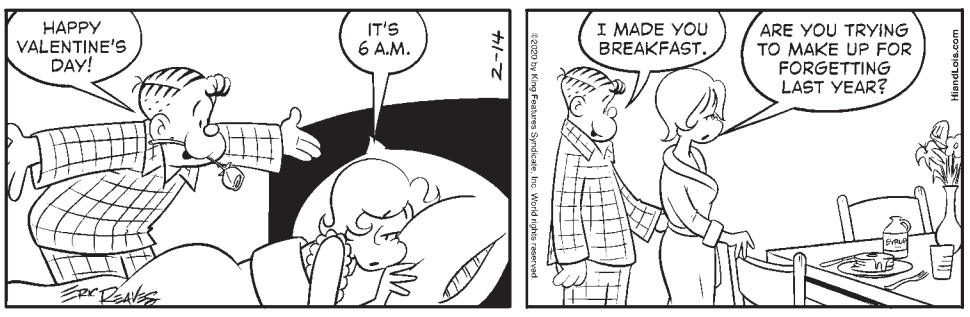
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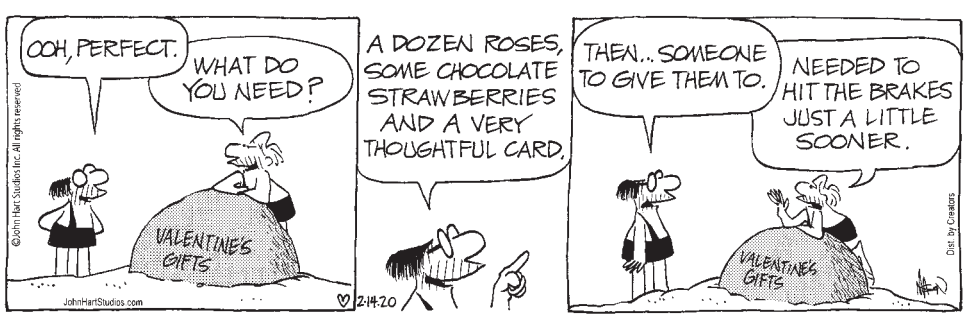
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WHAT DO YOU NEED?
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A DOZEN ROSES, SOME CHOCOLATE STRAWBERRIES AND A VERY THOUGHTFUL CARD.
THEN... SOMEONE TO GIVE THEM TO.
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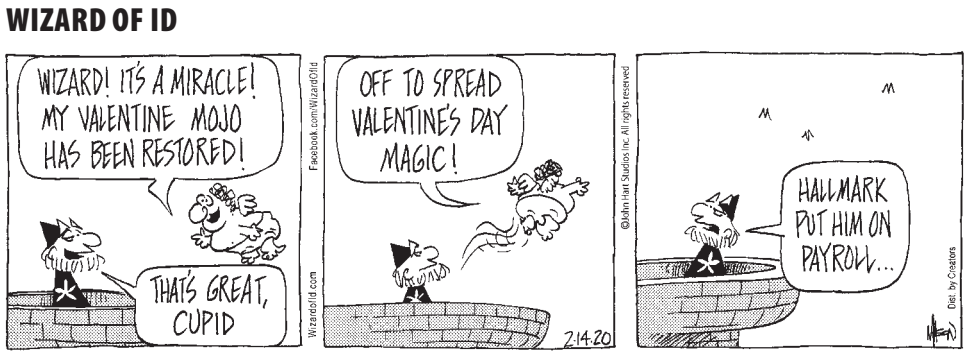
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THAT'S GREAT, CUPID
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OFF TO SPREAD VALENTINE'S DAY MAGIC!
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HALLMARK PUT HIM ON PAYROLL...
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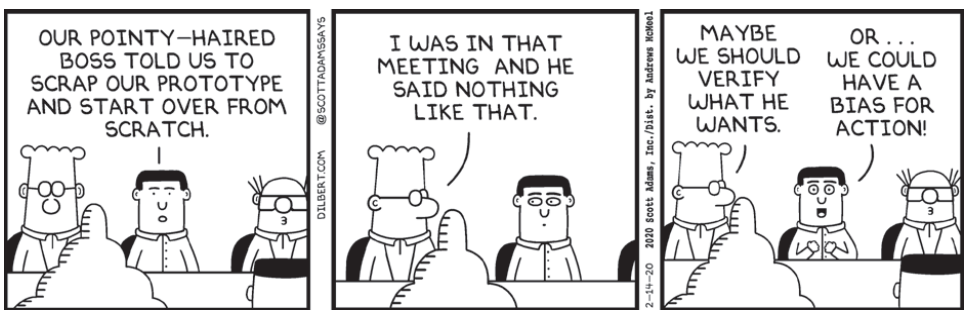
OUR POINTY-HAIRED BOSS TOLD US TO SCRAP OUR PROTOTYPE AND START OVER FROM SCRATCH.
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I WAS IN THAT MEETING AND HE SAID NOTHING LIKE THAT.
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OR . . . WE COULD HAVE A BIAS FOR ACTION!

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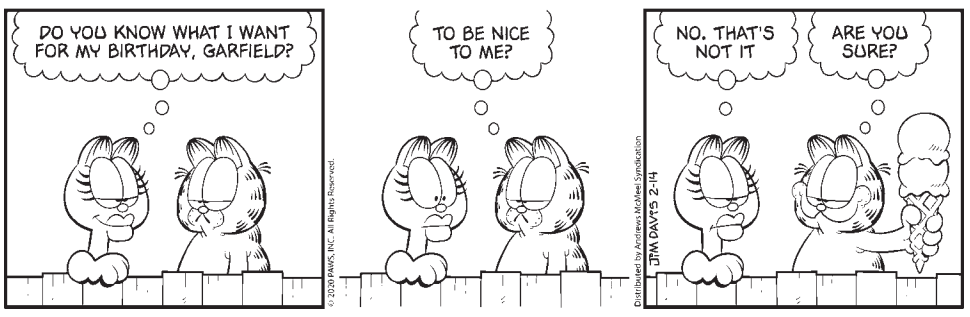
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TO BE NICE TO ME?
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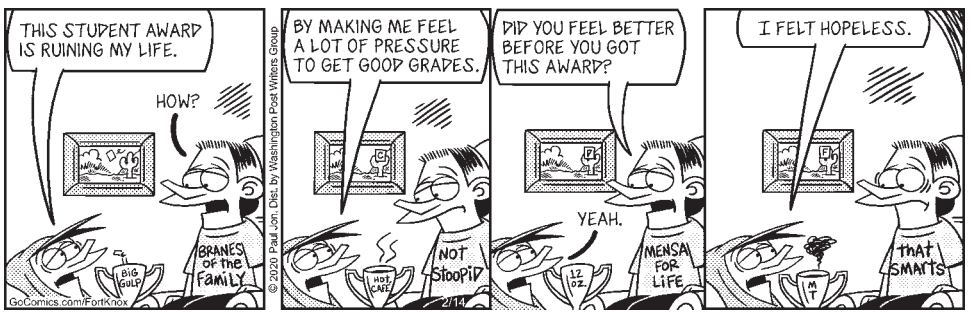

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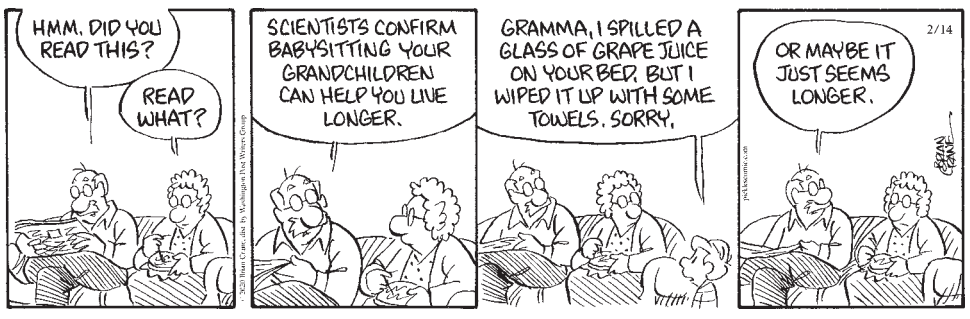
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READ WHAT?
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GRAMMA, I SPILLED A GLASS OF GRAPE JUICE ON YOUR BED. BUT I WIPED IT UP WITH SOME TOWELS. SORRY.
OR MAYBE IT JUST SEEMS LONGER.
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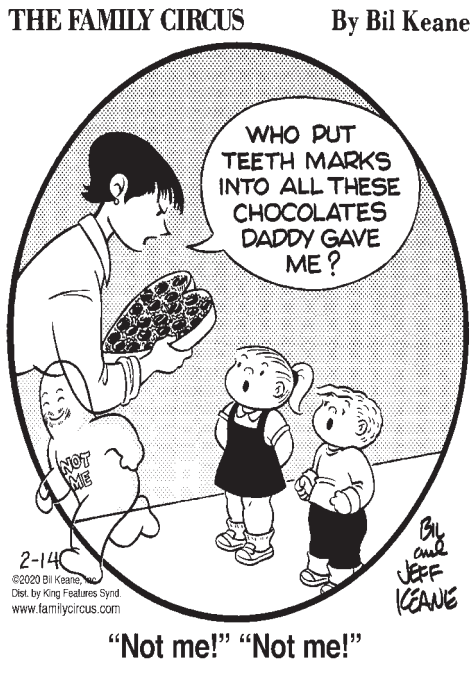
WHO PUT TEETH MARKS INTO ALL THESE CHOCOLATES DADDY GAVE ME?
NOT ME
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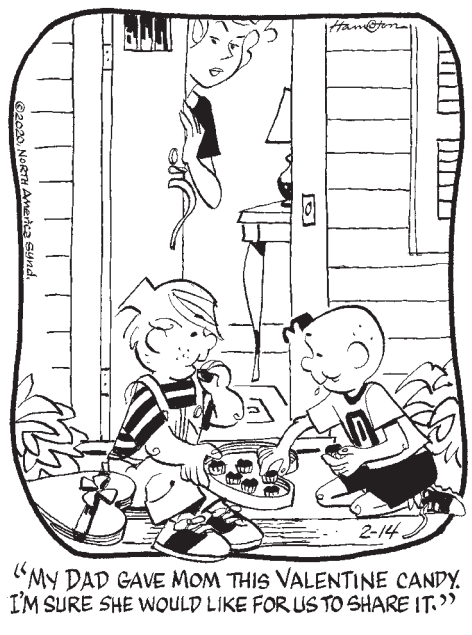
"Not me!" "Not me!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MY DAD GAVE MOM THIS VALENTINE CANDY. I'M SURE SHE WOULD LIKE FOR US TO SHARE IT."

BABY BLUES

CURTIS

HEY, LOOK WHO'S UP, STRUTTIN' HIS STUFF!
YEP, MY BACK IS FEELING MUCH, MUCH BETTER!
2-14
HE'S STRUTTIN' LIKE FRANKENSTEIN, BUT AT LEAST HE'S STRUTTIN'!

ZITS

FIVE BUCKS FOR A STUPID VALENTINE'S CARD?
SERIOUSLY??
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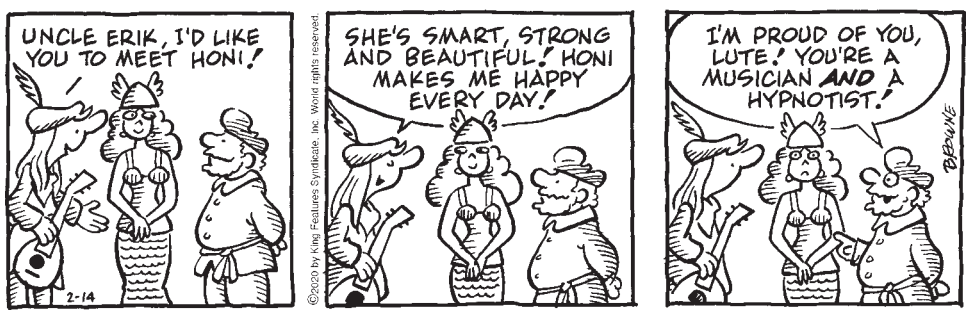
KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS!
I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IT!
I'LL TAKE AT LEAST THREE.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE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SHE'S SMART, STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL! HONI MAKES ME HAPPY EVERY DAY!
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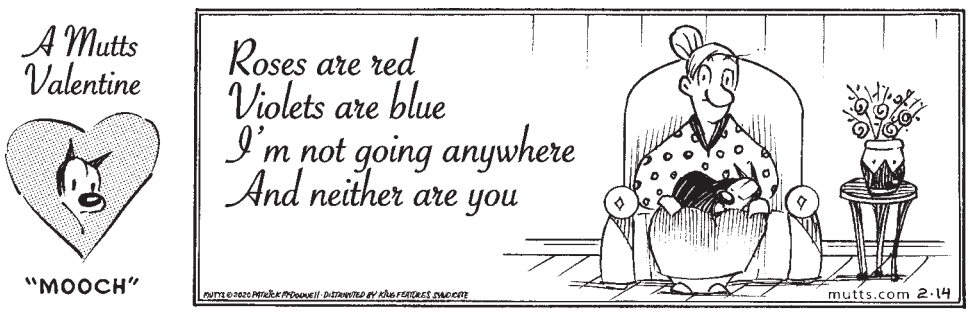
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

YOU KNOW, NOW THAT HIL IS 14 WE DON'T NEED A BABYSITTER ANYMORE. MEANING WE CAN GO OUT ON MORE DAYS THAN JUST VALENTINE'S...
KEEFE
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AND EVEN DO THINGS OTHER THAN RESTAURANTS AND MOVIES.
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I KNOW WE'RE WAY BEHIND THE CURVE ON THIS ONE, BUT WHAT ABOUT AN ESCAPE ROOM?
TED, THEY'VE ROUTINELY HAD TO SEND POLICE AND EVEN CORPSE-SNIFFING DOGS TO FIND US IN CORN MAZES. AN ESCAPE ROOM WOULD BE OUR "CASK OF AMONTILLADO."

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING FEB. 14

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown CC		20/20 CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N) CC		Hawaii Five-0 (N) CC		Blue Bloods "The Fog of War" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Lincoln Rhyme-Bone Collector		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Country Music Crossovers and a new "Outlaw" sound. CC (DVS)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "What Do You Do" CC		CSI: Miami "Special Delivery" CC		CSI: Miami "About Face" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Georgie pursues trick riding.		Highway to Heaven "Aloha" CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.14.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	6:00 ★★★★ Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC						Titanic ('97)
Animal	Tanked	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N) CC				Tanked CC	
BET	We Be	★★★ Beyond the Lights ('14) Gugu Mbatha-Raw. CC					
Big Ten	College Hockey		Break	College Wrestling Michigan at Nebraska.			
Bravo	:08 ★★ Just Friends ('05) Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart. CC			:14 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00, Romance-Comedy) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. CC			
Cartoon	Steven	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Cast Away	:05 ★★ I, Robot ('04, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. CC				Strike Back ((SP)) (N) CC	
CMT	:00 Steel Magnolias ('12) Queen Latifah. CC					Urban Cowboy	
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Jim Gaffigan	
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush (N) CC					
Disney	Zombies	Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Zombies 2 ('20) CC		
DIY	Salvage	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	6:45 Fifty Shades Darker			:15 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15)			
ESPN	NBA All-Star Celebrity Game			Boxing		Countdown:	
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPNC	:00 College Football			College Football			
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Winternationals.					Spotlight	Tigers
Freefrm	6:00 ★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12)			★★ Pitch Perfect 2 ('15) Anna Kendrick. The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships.			
FX	★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					The Weekly	The Weekly
Golf	PGA Golf					LPGA Golf	
Hallmark	Appetite for Love	A Valentine's Match ('20) Mary-Margaret Humes, Bethany Joy Lenz. CC				Christmas Under Wraps ('14) CC	
HBO	:40 ★★ The Island ('05) Ewan McGregor. A mercenary pursues two clones on the run in 2019. CC					Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Declassified Mysterious Bluestone circle. CC					
HGTV	Home	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me		My 600-Lb. Life (N)	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Supernanny (N) CC		Supernanny "Davis Family" (N) CC		:03 Supernanny "Richardson Family"	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	★ Blended ('14) Adam Sandler. CC					Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Habershow Podcast		Bulls Outsiders (N)		NBA All-Star Tip Off	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Maze	Henry	All That	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	UFOs	U.S. Secret Service		G. Bush: 9/11		Air Force One	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Snapped "Martha Farmer" CC		Snapped "Laura Stelmasek" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90) Richard Gere.					Dirty Dancing	
Showtime	:45 ★★ The Best of Enemies ('19, Historical Drama) Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell. CC					Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (N)	
Starz	:29 Outlander "Both Sides Now" CC		:26 Outlander "The Reckoning" CC		:27 Outlander CC		:28 Outlander
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Keto diet restricts carbohydrate intake to spur weight loss

DEAR DOCTOR: Can you please explain the keto diet? A bunch of my friends are on it, but it seems like they're all doing it a different way.

DEAR READER: Your friends are among the millions of Americans who have jumped onto the keto bandwagon, making it the most popular diet in the United States right now.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

The basic idea is simple: You cut carbohydrates to about 10 percent of your total food intake, typically fewer than 50 grams per day, and sometimes as low as 20 grams per day. This changes the way your body obtains energy. Instead of burning glucose, also known as blood sugar, your body is forced into Plan B – burning stored fat. This is a metabolic state called ketosis. The name comes from compounds produced by the liver, known as ketone bodies, which the body burns for energy when glucose, its favorite energy source, is not available.

Any eating plan that causes this shift from burning glucose to burning stored fat is a ketogenic diet. You can check whether you are in ketosis with special test strips, available at your local drugstore, which detect the presence of ketones in your urine.

The high-fat, low-protein, low-carbohydrate formula may be the most widely accepted version of a keto diet right now, but it's not the only one of its kind. Depending on your age, some of you may remember the Stillman diet from the 1960s, which eliminated carbs completely and focused instead on animal proteins such as beef, chicken, fish, eggs and cottage cheese. Part of the secret to the rapid weight loss on that diet? Ketosis. Ditto for the Atkins diet, which uses ketosis in certain phases of its eating plan, as do the paleo and Zone diets, both of which restrict carbs.

Today's keto diet, in which up to 90 percent of calories come from fat, dates back to the 1920s. Sometimes referred to as "classic keto," it was originally developed to help manage epilepsy, but soon fell out of favor with the advent of effective anti-seizure drugs. Other versions of the keto diet vary the percentages of fat, protein and carbohydrates, the trio of macronutrients our bodies require.

In addition to rapid weight loss, people in ketosis report decreased appetite. This makes sticking to such a restrictive way of eating a bit easier. The diet is also associated with improved insulin metabolism. However, while many people show improvements in blood lipids levels, the diet can raise levels of LDL cholesterol – the so-called "bad" cholesterol – in some people. Other challenges include headache, fatigue and irritability, particularly at the start of the diet. Many keto adherents also report dealing with chronic constipation, as well as food boredom.

A ketogenic diet can be a good way to jump-start weight loss. That means a focus on high-quality whole foods, including olive oil, nuts, avocados and fatty fish. But since this diet eliminates entire food groups, it makes getting needed nutrients a challenge. We think it's wise to check with a registered dietician, or with your family doctor, for advice and guidance.

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Feeling pressured to have a second child

DEAR CAROLYN: My partner and I have a wonderful (and wild) 3-year-old girl. We both work full-time and she's in a loving preschool. We live 4 to 5 hours away from any family.

Lately, other friends have had a second or third child. That's great for them.

But what I don't appreciate is the pressure we get from our friends to have more kids. We have decided not to for a variety of reasons, with the No. 1 reason being the prohibitively expensive child care and the financial inability for one parent to stay home. Yet we are constantly hammered by friends to "go for the second." Friends have said our daughter will be an entitled weirdo if she's an only child, particularly since we live far from family.

Carolyn Hax

This has led us to second-guess our decision. Is having an only child when you live far from family a bad thing? – **Pressured**

Having a second child just to shut your friends up is a bad thing.

Pressuring people about their family planning is also a bad thing. Idiots. This is none of your friends' business.

But the worst thing here is the mindless, broad-brush smear of every only child who ever existed, and all their parents – "far from family" is a red herring – just because ... what, your friends can't think of anything more interesting to talk about than their own validation? I'm otherwise at a loss to explain it.

Do make it clear what they're really saying: "You do realize you just called every only child on earth 'entitled' and 'weird,' and blamed their parents for it? Please tell me you didn't mean to."

If they try to defend themselves: "You're my friend, yes? Then don't judge us or pressure us to be like you."

If they're as obtuse as they are judgy and maintain the breed-more pressure, then keep this handy and repeat – verbatim – as needed: "I'm not asking for advice."

As needed, either till they leave you alone or you replace them with less clue-challenged friends.

HI, CAROLYN: My boyfriend has made a habit out of using birthdays and holidays as an opportunity to upgrade his lifestyle under the guise of generous gift-giving. He recently gifted me his used laptop – which he did spend money on, getting it cleaned up – for Christmas, after buying himself the latest upgraded laptop. My last birthday he gave me his used scuba gear and took that opportunity to upgrade his own set.

The thing is, I'm not a big diver, and my current laptop is perfectly adequate and better suited for my needs. However, he gets upset if I politely decline, so these presents are really just taking up valuable closet space.

Am I ungrateful or am I justified in feeling a bit stuck in an ungrateful-recipient position? I'm also not able to figure out why exactly this irks me, and it seems disingenuous to fake enthusiasm as I'm walking gifts over to the closet. – **Anonymous**

Your boyfriend is generous primarily to himself, and really, really doesn't care to have that pointed out to him.

You are likely irked by this because self-centered people are irksome.

He is not even trying to hide this information from you. Please see him for who he is and act accordingly.

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8 Gridiron letters
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34 Leah's son
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50 Elevator name
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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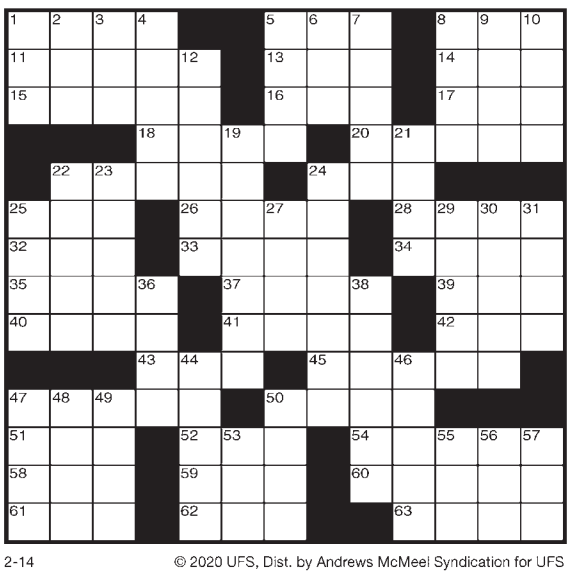

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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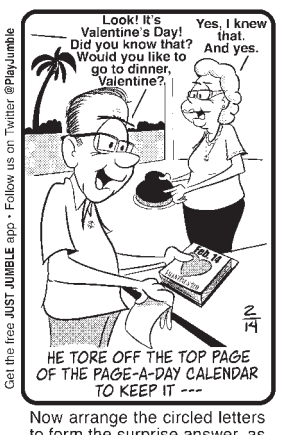
Look! It's Valentine's Day! Did you know that? Would you like to go to dinner, Valentine?
Yes, I knew that. And yes.
HE TORE OFF THE TOP PAGE OF THE PAGE-A-DAY CALENDAR TO KEEP IT ---
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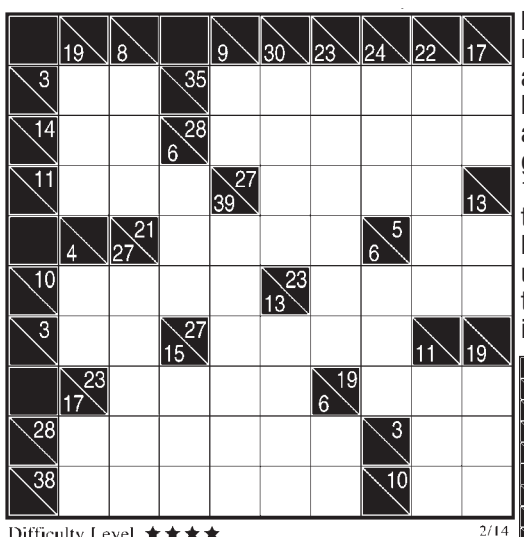
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

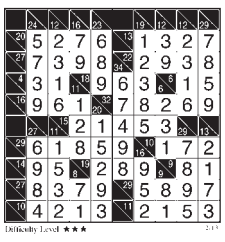
Yesterday's Jumbles: CLUNK RATIO RADIUS SPEEDY
Answer: He talked about Frisbee golf for so long, that it was sounding like a — DISCOURSE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/14

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

John Hay, who was the Secretary of State from 1898 to 1905, said, "True luck consists not in holding the best of the cards at the table; luckiest is he who knows just when to rise and go home."

If you are playing bridge for money and the cards are not running your way, do not play on, thinking that your luck must turn. Go home. In contrast, if the cards are going your way, cancel all appointments and play on.

Sometimes momentum just carries the bidding higher and higher. If you end potentially out of your depth, hope that you get lucky. Look for a distribution that will allow you to succeed.

In today's deal, how should South play in six diamonds after West leads the club king?

The auction was exhausting. North's two-spade rebid was fourth-suit game-forcing. He then set diamonds as trumps before using Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that South had three key cards (five diamonds) but no trump queen (six diamonds).

South saw immediately that he needed trumps to split 3-2. But he also had to discard all four of his club losers before a defender could ruff in and cash a club. That required finding hearts 4-4.

The play went: club to the ace, diamond king, diamond to the ace, three top hearts (discarding clubs), heart ruff, spade to the board and pitch the last club on the high heart seven.

Lucky – finding both a 3-2 break and a 4-4 split will happen only 22.2 percent of the time.

North 02-14-20
♠ K Q 5
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ A 4 3
♣ 6 4

West
♠ 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ J 10 8
♣ K Q J

East
♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ J 9 6 5
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 9 2

South
♠ A J 9
♥ —
♦ K 9 7 6 5
♣ A 8 7 5 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Cleaning out iPhone trash to save memory

Steve Alexander
Tech Q&A

Q I use the mail app on my iPhone for my "q.com" email account from CenturyLink. But this mail account uses more than 4 gigabytes of memory on my phone.

I can't download the latest software updates for lack of storage space. This happens even though I empty my "trash" and "sent" emails twice a day, and never keep more than 10 emails in my inbox.

What's wrong? – Lucia Copeland, Minneapolis

A Your iPhone is probably collecting mail for several reasons, but you can fix them all.

In addition to emptying your "trash" and "sent" folders, you also need to empty your "junk" mail folder (where obvious spam is automatically routed).

Because most of this spam never reached your inbox, it's easy to forget about it. Go to the junk folder, click edit, click "select all" and then click "delete."

You also need to be sure that when you "delete" mail from your inbox, it's really going to the "trash" folder.

Apple confused this issue last year when it responded to complaints that position of the icons at the bottom of an email – "reply" (an arrow) and "delete" (a trash can) – had been reversed, causing people in a hurry to delete emails they meant to reply to (see tinyurl.com/y4outts5).

The trash can and packing-box icons look alike and I suspect you have been accidentally archiving mail that you meant to delete. You can adjust for the change by using one of two ways to delete email from your inbox:

■ Delete a single email: View the email, click the arrow key at the bottom of the screen, and in the resulting menu click "trash message."

■ Delete multiple emails: Select "edit" at the top of the inbox and check the emails you want to delete. At the bottom of the screen, select "move," and in the resulting menu click "trash."

Now go through your "all mail" folder and determine which saved emails you want to delete. "All mail" works a bit differently: To delete multiple emails using the second method above, select unwanted emails and click "trash" at the bottom of the screen.

Pruning the "all mail" folder should sharply reduce your stored email.

Q I've watched iPhone owners use the AirDrop feature to wirelessly send photos and videos to each other almost instantly.

My friend and I have Android phones that use NFC (near field communication, a wireless technology) to do the same thing, but it's pitifully slow, taking minutes per picture.

Is there an equivalent of the AirDrop feature for Android phones? – Pam Baldwin, Baton Rouge, La.

A No. Google reportedly is creating a similar Android feature called Nearby Sharing.

Until that happens, you are stuck with slow transfer speeds between phones. The Android phone version of NFC reaches only a few inches and transfers data at about half a megabit a second between two phones.

The iPhone's AirDrop has a range of about 30 feet and moves data between two iPhones at speeds up to 30 megabits.

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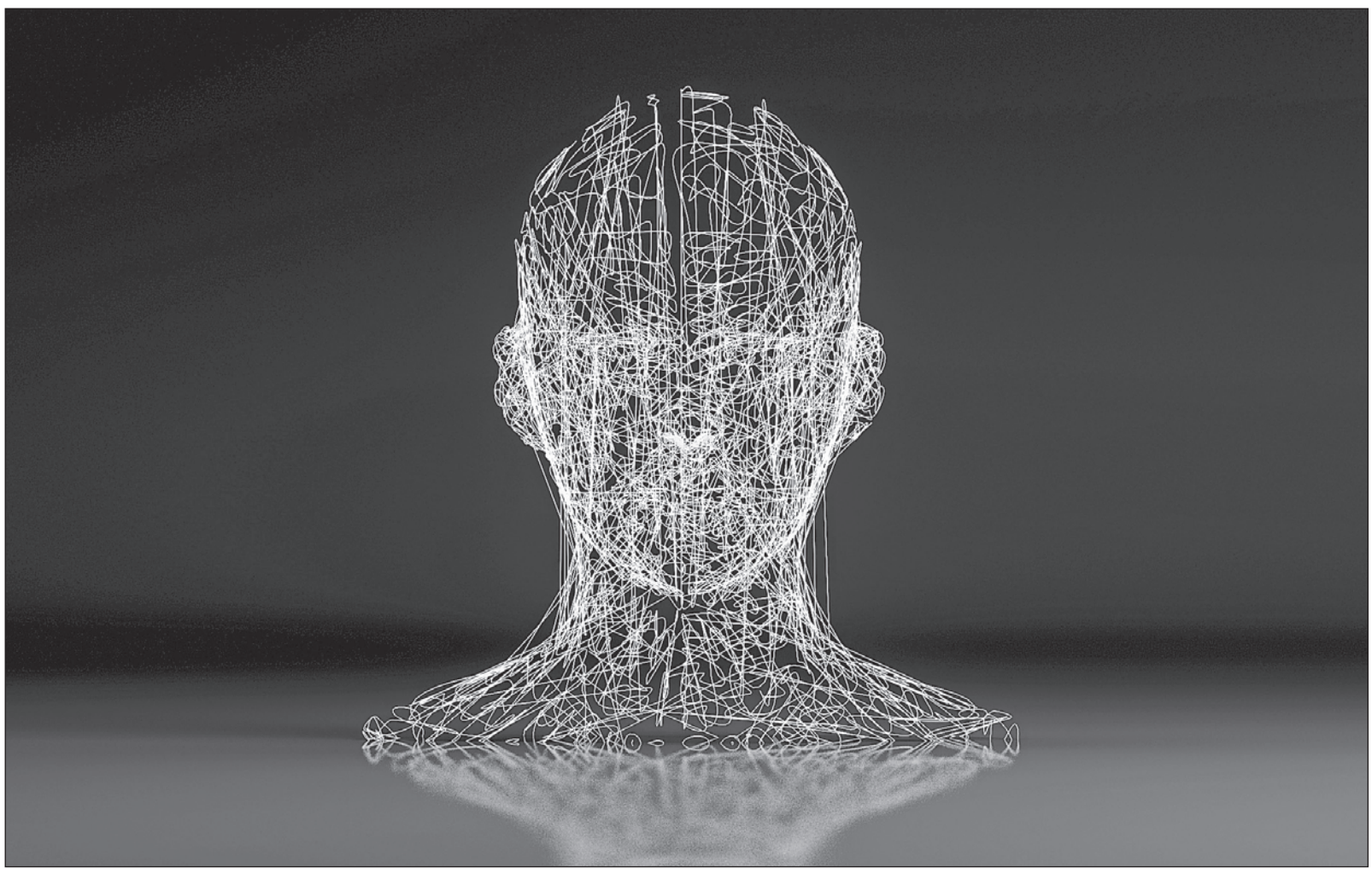

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AI is here to stay, but are we sacrificing safety and privacy?

A free public Seattle Univ. course will explore that

By MELISSA HELLMANN
The Seattle Times

The future of artificial intelligence (AI) is here: self-driving cars, grocery-delivering drones and voice assistants like Alexa that control more and more of our lives, from the locks on our front doors to the temperatures of our homes.

But as AI permeates everyday life, what about the ethics and morality of the systems?

For example, should an autonomous vehicle swerve into a pedestrian or stay its course when facing a collision?

These questions plague technology companies as they develop AI at a clip outpacing government regulation, and have led Seattle University to develop a new ethics course for the public.

Launched last week, the free, online course for businesses is the first step in a Microsoft-funded initiative to merge ethics and technology education at the Jesuit university.

Seattle U senior business-school instructor Nathan Colaner hopes the new course will become a well-known resource for businesses "as they realize that [AI] is changing things," he said. "We should probably stop to figure out how."

The course – developed by Colaner, law professor Mark Chinen and adjunct business and law professor Tracy Ann Kosa – explores the meaning of ethics in AI by looking at guiding principles proposed by some nonprofits and technology companies.

A case study on facial recognition in the course encourages students to evaluate different uses of facial-recognition technology, such as surveillance or identification, and to determine how the technology should be regulated.

The module draws on recent studies that revealed facial-analysis systems have higher error rates when identifying images of darker-skinned females in comparison to lighter-skinned males.

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Michael Quinn is dean of the College of Science and Engineering at Seattle University. He spearheaded an initiative to teach business people the ethics of AI in a free online course launching this spring.

The course also explores the impact of AI on different occupations.

The public's desire for more guidance around AI may be reflected in a recent Northeastern University and Gallup survey that found only 22 percent of U.S. respondents believed colleges or universities were adequately preparing students for the future of work.

Many people who work in tech aren't required to complete a philosophy or ethics course in school, said Quinn, which he believes contributes to blind spots in the development of technology. Those blind spots may have lead to breaches of public trust, such as government agencies' use of facial recognition to scan license photos without consent, Alexa workers listening to the voice commands of unaware consumers and racial bias in AI algorithms.

As regulations on emerging technology wend through state legislatures, colleges have created ethics courses to mitigate potential harmful effects. Seattle University's course goes a step further by opening a course to the public.

The six-to-eight-hour online course is designed to encourage those on the front end of AI deployment, such as managers, to understand the ethical issues behind some of the technologies.

Students test their understanding of the self-paced course through quizzes at the end of each module. Instructors will follow up with paid in-person workshops at the university that cater to the needs of individual businesses.

The initiative was spawned by an August 2018 meeting between Microsoft president Brad Smith and Seattle University administrators, in which the tech company promised $2.5 million toward the construction of the school's new engineering building.

The conversation quickly veered into a lengthy discussion about ethical issues around AI development, such as fairness and accountability of tech companies and their workers, said Michael Quinn, the dean of the university's College of Science and Engineering.

At the meeting, Microsoft promised Seattle University another $500,000 to support the development of an ethics and technology initiative. Quinn called the AI ethics lab a "natural opportunity to jump at" for the college that requires an ethics course to graduate. It was already a topic circulating around campus: Staff and faculty had recently spearheaded a book club to discuss contemporary issues related to ethics and technology.

The initiative will also provide funding for graduate research assistants to create a website with articles and resources on moral issues around AI, as well as for the university to hire a faculty director to manage the initiative.

Quinn believes institutions of higher education have a role in educating the public and legislators on finding a middle ground between advancing AI technology and protecting basic human rights.

"People are starting to worry about the implications [of AI] in terms of their privacy, safety and employment," Quinn said.

AI is "developing faster than legislation can keep up with, so it's a prime subject for ethics," Colaner said.

He is particularly concerned about the use of AI in decision making, such as algorithms used to predict recidivism rates in court, and in warfare through drone strikes.

In an industry setting, Quinn said, employers often push workers to advance technology as far as possible without considering its impact on different communities. AI ethics in education, however, serves as a "safeguard [for] meaningful innovation, offers a critical eye and shows how it impacts people in a social-justice aspect."

Law professor Ben Alarie, who is also the CEO of a company that uses AI to make decisions in tax cases, believes the public accessibility of the Seattle University course could help businesses avoid potential disruptions.

"One of the benefits of having a program like this available to everyone, is that businesses ... can build in safeguards and develop these technologies in a responsible way," he said.

Why you can't necessarily trust your weather app

By CHRISTINE CLARRIDGE
The Seattle Times

You know the feeling. That pang of excitement or dread – or a little of both – when you open a weather app on your phone and there it is, staring back at you: a snowflake.

But that snowflake can be an unreliable indicator, according to weather experts.

The best smartphone weather apps rely on information provided by the National Weather Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and satellites. But apps can still vary widely in accuracy.

"I think what happens is that they have computer models spitting out these forecasts seven to 10 days in advance when (forecasts) actually change every six to 12 hours," said Logan Johnson, meteorologist in charge at the weather service in Seattle. "So, sometimes, the weather systems they are predicting haven't even formed yet."

Plus, microclimates make predicting snow a challenge, Johnson said.

"(Apps are) pretty terrible about things like snow in our region," said Justin Shaw of the Seattle Weather Blog.

Shaw said that while most apps seem to be fairly good at predicting temperature trends, they don't take into account the particulars of geography.

Further, analyses have shown that weather apps tend to err on the side of caution by showcasing whichever possible weather is most likely to affect traffic and safety.

"So, if there is an 80 percent chance of rain and a 20 percent chance of snow, they are going to show people the snow so they can't be blamed for not putting it in the realm of possibilities," Shaw said. "But one problem is that the flake doesn't show whether it'll be one snowflake or a million."

Like with any smartphone app, users should be wary of the source, said radio forecaster and retired weather-service meteorologist Ted Buehner, who noted it's often unclear where apps are based and how they acquire information.

Two years ago, Buehner was giving a presentation at a boot camp for emergency-management officials, when someone asked him about weather apps.

"I asked three different people in the audience with Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T to look up the weather forecast in Renton (Wash.), and they were all different," Buehner said.

One person he was teaching ended up tracing the source of the weather app they were using.

"They went all the way back and found out it was among 120 coming from Russia," Buehner said. "The screaming message is, you have to be careful of where it's coming from."

Buehner said he skips the investigation and goes "straight to the source" by bookmarking his location on mobile.weather.gov, the National Weather Service's forecast page. Johnson, of course, approves.

"We don't simply regurgitate what the models forecast; we provide the expertise of local meteorologists and take into the account the microclimates," Johnson said. "We're trying to provide something that doesn't change frequently and can be trusted."

For those who prefer an app over a bookmarked web page, the Weather Channel and Weather Underground are popular options.

Together, they generate an average of 25 billion forecasts per day across the world, pulling from nearly 100 different forecast models, said Melissa Medori, a spokesperson for The Weather Company, which is owned by IBM and runs both apps.

That data is then combined with information from other sources – including the weather service, radar, lightning networks, sensors on airplanes and a community of 140,000 personal weather stations – and analyzed using AI, predictive analytics, historical information and more than 180 meteorologists, Medori explained in an email.

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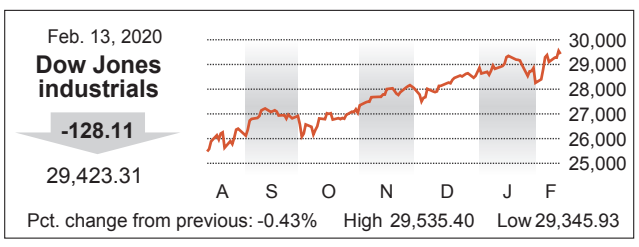

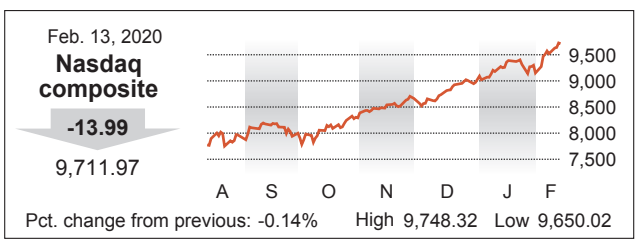

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Apple Inc	AAPL	169.25	327.85	324.87	-2.33	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	886.95	1274.41	1066.55	+2.98	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	36.18	-.36	-1.0	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	52.41	68.98	67.92	+.56	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	59.84	59.61	+.20	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	36.75	47.74	46.07	+.05	+0.1	▲	▼	▲
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	170.76	-1.07	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	140.90	-.95	-0.7	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	85.37	119.71	89.27	-.25	-0.3	▲	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	59.62	83.49	60.93	-.34	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	29.83	+.19	+0.6	▲	▲	▼
1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	48.08	+.43	+0.9	▲	▼	▼
FordM	F	8.02	10.56	8.25	+.01	+0.1	▲	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	12.94	-.22	-1.7	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	179.52	242.45	242.36	+.77	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	15.21	19.48	17.20	+.09	+0.5	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	12.15	15.63	14.15	+.10	+0.7	▲	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	141.47	178.14	174.69	-2.12	-1.2	▲	▼	▲
IBM	IBM	126.85	158.75	154.31	-1.00	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	98.09	141.10	137.88	-.12	-0.1	▲	▲	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	126.10	154.50	150.09	-1.00	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	91.60	125.20	124.77	-.26	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	178.27	221.93	217.42	-.04	...	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	104.97	190.70	183.71	-1.00	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.94	49.88	40.68	-.23	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.72	-.02	-2.9	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.98	57.96	-1.79	-3.0	▼	▼	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	36.93	-.81	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	97.75	128.09	124.96	+1.51	+1.2	▼	▼	▬
RepubSvc	RSG	76.13	98.81	99.01	+.54	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	18.93	-.46	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	174.84	223.45	217.41	+1.33	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	43.77	+.61	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	118.28	+.17	+0.1	▲	▲	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	88.02	114.25	98.26	-.27	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	105.24	-.30	-0.3	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	54.26	62.22	58.65	+.42	+0.7	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	74.14	101.37	101.21	+1.09	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	117.44	+1.59	+1.4	▲	▲	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	49.03	74.95	53.57	-.90	-1.7	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.88	22.91	+.03	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	152.03	-.47	-0.3	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	38.47	-.33	-0.9	▲	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.26	94.51	-.15	-0.2	▲	▼	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from mostly $25-26, Golden Delicious sold from $36-38, Fuji sold higher from $32-34, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold for $32-33, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold from $48-50. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $22, while Golden Delicious brought $23, Gala sold for $23-24, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold lower for $21.50, while large white bunched brought $28.50-29.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold steady from $12-13, with hand-picked offerings $14-16.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large berries from Peru sold much higher for $33, while fine appearance offerings from Mexico sold higher for $38.50. Organic offerings packed in 12 6-ounce cups with lids from Mexico of fine appearance sold for $28.50. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium size from Florida sold higher for mostly $20-21, with fine appearance offerings from Mexico $27.50. Organic offerings from Mexico sold for $18.50, with fine appearance $26.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $12-14, with organic offerings lower for $21.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold from mostly $13-15, while red offerings sold from $19-20.50.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher for $20-22, with organic offerings lower for $24.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold higher from $28-29.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher from $28-30, with large mostly $35-37, and carton 24s sold higher from $15-17. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold for mostly $27-28.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold steady from mostly $17-18.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower from $14-16, while organic offerings brought mostly $33-34.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Hamlin juice oranges sold for $23.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos and extra-large sold steady from $14-16, with large mostly $11-12. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $21, serranos brought $22, while extra-large poblano sold from $20-22 and medium Hungarian wax sold for mostly $19-20.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher from $24-26 with medium size $19-21, and yellow straight neck small-medium sold slightly higher for $28-29. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size acorn and butternut sold for $22.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold steady for mostly $21-23, while offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size were higher for mostly $21-23. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold higher from mostly $14-15, with offerings from Mexico $12-14. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold much higher fot $32. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold higher from $17-18, with large size $15-16.

Trump Fed nominee Shelton faces skepticism at Senate hearing

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

President Donald Trump's nominee to the Federal Reserve, Judy Shelton, appears before the Senate Banking Committee for a confirmation hearing, on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

WASHINGTON — One of President Donald Trump's nominees for the Federal Reserve came under sharp questioning Thursday from senators over her unorthodox economic views, including from two Republicans whose doubts about her nomination could imperil it.

The nominee, Judy Shelton, sought to make her unconventional views an asset by promising to bring "intellectual diversity" to the Fed. Shelton has previously expressed support for a wide range of out-of-the-mainstream perspectives, including tying the dollar's value to gold. She has also raised concerns among economists and Fed watchers by questioning the need for the central bank's independence.

After the hearing, two key Republicans – Sens. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Richard Shelby of Alabama – reiterated their misgivings about her nomination. A third, Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana, said he was undecided.

With three Republicans leaning against her or undecided, Shelton's nomination is at risk of remaining stuck in the Banking Committee. She would need all the Republican votes on the committee to recommend her nomination to the full Senate. The committee has a slim Republican majority of 13 to 12. Republicans also control the Senate.

During the hearing, Toomey criticized Shelton's view that the Fed should consider acting to lower the value of the dollar if other nations appeared to be manipulating their own currencies.

"I think that's a very, very dangerous path to go down," Toomey said. "It's not in the Fed's mandate."

Economists generally consider such policies, sometimes referred to as "beggar thy neighbor," as risky and ineffective. Toomey later told reporters that Shelton's answers failed to satisfy his concerns.

In the aftermath of his impeachment trial, Trump has appeared emboldened to confront Republicans who oppose his policies or nominees for federal positions. In answer to a question Thursday, though, Toomey said he wasn't concerned about opposing a Trump nominee if he or she were "unsuitable."

Likewise, Sen. Richard Shelby, Republican from Alabama, told Shelton, "I do have trouble with some of your writings and some of your articles." After the hearing, Shelby said he was still "concerned." Shelby is a former chairman of the Banking Committee who recently became its longest-serving member.

Democrats on the committee highlighted Shelton's previous criticism of the Fed for cutting interest rates to nearly zero in the aftermath of the Great Recession, which it did amid a global financial crisis and soaring unemployment rate. Democrats noted that Shelton, like Trump, has reversed herself and now supports lower rates despite a much more robust economy.

"Ms. Shelton has too many alarming ideas and has flip-flopped on too many important issues to have this job," said Sen. Sherrod Brown from Ohio, the top Democrat on the committee.

The nominee also said she now strongly supports government insurance for bank deposits – a key pillar of the U.S. banking system since the Great Depression – even though she had questioned the value of such insurance in a 1994 book.

"The only pattern I see here is a political one, not an economic one," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Democrat from Maryland.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton, said that putting Shelton on the board could send confusing signals to investors, who already view her as a potential Fed chair-in-waiting if Trump were to win re-election and decide not to offer Powell a second term.

"It sets up a communication challenge," Swonk said. "Financial markets are already looking at her as the Fed chair-in-waiting."

Kathy Bostjancic, chief U.S. financial economist for Oxford Economics, a consulting firm, said that Shelton appeared to be "saying the right things to be confirmed."

"It came across as a bit disingenuous and contrived," Bostjancic said.

Shelton recently served as U.S. executive director for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which helps former communist countries transition to market economies. She was previously a scholar at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

In addition to her, Trump has nominated Christopher Waller, research director at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, for a second vacancy on the seven-member Fed board. Waller, who drew much less attention from the committee's senators Thursday, is seen as a far more conventional choice than Shelton. Some of his research examines the benefits of the central bank's independence from political interference.

Waller said he has attended more than 60 meetings of the Fed's policy-making committee. Before joining the St. Louis Fed, he worked as an academic, researching monetary policy, for 25 years.

If both nominees were to be confirmed by the Senate, Trump will have installed six of the seven Fed board members. The board members each have a permanent vote on the Fed's policy-making committee, which gives them significant influence over interest rates.

The president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank also holds a permanent vote on the interest rate-setting committee. The remaining four votes on the committee rotate annually among the Fed's 11 other regional bank presidents.

The Fed's board members, who are also called governors, rarely dissent from the Fed's policy decisions, though the regional bank presidents sometimes do. The board members also help shape the Fed's approach to financial regulation.

Trump has struggled to fill the vacant governors' seats. Four of his previous choices have failed to win approval, including conservative economics commentator Stephen Moore and former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain last year.

Many Fed watchers worry that Trump is weakening the Fed's independence with his frequent public attacks on its chairman, Jerome Powell, for not cutting rates more aggressively.

At Thursday's hearing, Shelton said she does support the Fed's independence, but she defended Trump's attacks. She noted that previous presidents had criticized Fed chairs behind the scenes; she called it "refreshing" that Trump has done so publicly via Twitter.

Shelton has broadly supported more open trade and immigration policies, including among the United States, Canada and Mexico – a position sharply at odds with the Trump administration's hard line on immigration.

In a Wall Street Journal column from 2000 titled "North America doesn't need borders," Shelton endorsed the vision of then-Mexican President Vicente Fox that North America's economic integration should be deepened, partly through looser immigration laws.

U.S. brings new charges against Huawei

By ERIC TUCKER
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Alex Brandon / AP

National security adviser Robert O'Brien, listens as President Donald Trump addresses the nation from the White House on Jan. 8 in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has added new criminal charges against Chinese tech giant Huawei and several U.S. subsidiaries, accusing the company of plotting to steal trade secrets from competitors in America, federal prosecutors announced Thursday.

The company is also accused of installing surveillance equipment that enabled Iran to monitor and detain protesters during 2009 anti-government demonstrations in Tehran, and of lying to competitors and to the U.S. government about business it was doing in North Korea despite economic sanctions there.

The case comes as the Trump administration is raising national security concerns about Huawei, the world's largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer, and is aggressively lobbying Western allies against including the company in wireless, high-speed networks.

The new allegations add to the company's legal woes in the U.S. The superseding indictment brought by federal prosecutors in Brooklyn adds charges of racketeering conspiracy and conspiracy to steal trade secrets to an existing criminal case in that district, where the company was already charged with lying to banks about deals that violated economic sanctions against Iran. Federal prosecutors in Seattle have brought a separate trade secrets theft case against the company.

The latest allegations accuse Huawei of plotting to steal the trade secrets and intellectual property of rival companies in the U.S. In some cases, prosecutors said, Huawei recruited the former employees of rival companies and also directed and provided incentives to its own employees to steal from competitors by offering bonuses to those who brought in the most valuable stolen information.

The company also used proxies, including professors at research institutions, to steal intellectual property, prosecutors said.

The stolen information including antenna and robot testing technology as well as user manuals for internet routers.

In May 2013, according to the indictment, a Huawei employee removed a robot arm from the lab of another company, and measurements and photographs of the arm were then shared with company engineers.

In another episode, a professor at a Chinese university entered into a contract with Huawei to develop prototype software for memory hardware, then signed a licensing agreement with a rival company that offered the professor access to its own proprietary technology.

A lawyer for Huawei and a spokesperson for the company did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Trump administration officials, including Cabinet secretaries, have recently leveled national security allegations against Huawei in an effort to encourage European nations to ban the gear from next-generation cellular networks.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper made the pitch to Western allies during a trip to Munich this week. Attorney General William Barr, in a speech last week, lamented what he said was China's aspiration for economic dominance and proposed that the U.S. invest in Western competitors of Huawei.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE March 10, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Lake Charter Township Clerk will hold a public accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

The accuracy test will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 12:30 a.m., at the Lake Charter Township Hall, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan.

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

NOTICE
The Hagar Township Board will hold the Annual Meeting and Public Budget Hearing for the Township 2020/2021 Budget on March 21, 2020, 9:00 am, at the Hagar Township Hall 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, MI 49084.

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Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 by the City of St. Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud in the City Commission Chambers for the Water System Leak Survey.
Project Summary:

The City of St. Joseph

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Michigan maintains approximately 66 miles of water main in the **St. Joseph Charter Township Michigan Water Distribution Systems**. It is the intent of these specifications to describe the minimum requirements for the leak detection survey and to establish unit cost. Electronically locate, quantify and document water system leaks. This includes water main leaks, valve leaks, fire hydrant leaks and service line leaks. Leaks will be located and quantified using gallons per minute and gallons per day. Results will be provided to the City via hard copy and electronically. Contractor must provide all results and data in the format specified in the RFP (Request for Proposals).
The Request for Proposals may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office or the City website (www.sjcity.com).
The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding and/or to accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.
Denise Westfall
St. Joseph City Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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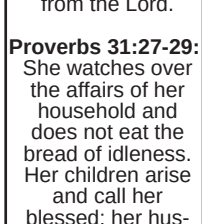

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Avoid joint ventures and untrustworthy people. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Ask questions and have the confidence to go your own way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Difficulties with partnerships will surface if you get into fraught discussions. Concentrate more on personal and physical improvements that boost your confidence. Choose love and romance over discord.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Initiate subtle changes; if you make a big splash, you will face opposition. A carefully laid strategy will help you achieve your objective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Gather facts. Don't listen to fancy jargon that could lead you into a vulnerable position. Take the helm and use your skills to benefit yourself, not someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Go with the flow and enjoy making adjustments to your surroundings that will end up a better and more convenient lifestyle. Romance is on the rise. Make plans for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take a moment to make sure what's going on around you and your reactions will only make matters worse. If you are thoughtful, compassionate and understanding, personal rewards will unfold. Romance is encouraged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Fix what needs to be fixed and move on to more enjoyable tasks. Set up guidelines, rules and objectives that are easy to follow. Be a leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sit back, observe what's going on and consider all your options before you get involved in something. Don't believe everything you hear or pick sides before you have all the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Emotions will be close to the surface. Look for unusual ways to resolve issues that have been confusing or causing uncertainty in your life. Offer options, incentives and peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Involvement with groups will test your patience. When in doubt, proceed on your own. Don't believe the hype someone is throwing at you. Adopt what's feasible. Put personal goals first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change will inspire you to do things differently. Share your ideas with someone who has the capacity to see your vision and contribute to your plan.

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